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Comment Of The Day

PROGRESS

IT is now four months since the Cyprus agreement was signed and all parties are making steady progress towards implementing the terms outlined at the successful London conference which brought an end to the troubles in the strife-torn island.

Cyprus has set out to cover ground in less than a single year which many former colonies have taken years to cross. For success to crown this enterprise sustained and unstinting co-operation will be needed as well as the maintenance of the present goodwill.

Already many old mutual doubts and suspicions have been cast aside and there is evidence that the majority of Cypriots are looking hopefully to the future rather than back upon an unhappy past.

International

MEANWHILE, in the International sphere, Greece, which had withdrawn her Nato forces from Ismir in Turkey, a year ago when communal disturbances were at their height, has returned them to their place of duty, thus settling the issue on the new spirit between the two allied countries and underlining the restoration of the Atlantic alliance in the Eastern Mediterranean.

In the year the Cypriots have to decide what they would like to do about remaining members of the Commonwealth and the Sterling Area and continuing to reap benefits from Imperial Preference.

Apprehensions

ALONGSIDE all these encouraging factors, however, there must remain some apprehensions. It may be that a form of "hangover" from the years of political turmoil and conflicting ambitions could try to assert itself, since passions and beliefs harboured and encouraged for years can hardly be dispelled overnight or old rivalries be whisked away in a moment.

A number of disquieting moves have occurred during the past month which can lead to further trouble and upset the present harmonious atmosphere.

Eoka Shrine

ONE Greek Cabinet Minister has publicly declared that Greece will continue to demand union with that country. It was this very demand that lay at the root of the troubles and if this attitude continues, all the present goodwill will be lost.

It is also reported that the uniform worn by Grivas during the terror campaign and other relics in the possession of Archbishop Makarios will be placed in the Cyprus Museum. Such a move would lead to making the museum a shrine to the Greek section of the community and obnoxious to the Turks and other minorities.

Realising this the Cypriot leaders, including General Grivas, have already called upon their people to work for national unity and sink old differences to make independence a success and bring peace and prosperity to the island.

NEW TIME TO REMAIN IN FORCE AS LONG AS RAINS CONTINUE 24-HOUR WATER SUPPLY FOR HK

Traffic On Island Almost Normal Now

By CHINA MAIL REPORTERS

Water supply hours have been increased to a full-day supply, it was announced just before the China Mail went to press this afternoon.

This would remain in force as long as the heavy rain continued, a Water Authority spokesman said.

Meanwhile new reports of havoc caused by the deluge were received this morning—a morning in which almost 6 inches of rain were recorded.

This is the fourth day of heavy rain and the Royal Observatory said this morning there was no sign of a change.

The casualty toll early this afternoon was still 27 dead and 14 missing.

A landslide occurred in a rear lane near No. 89 in Wanchai Road at about 11.23 a.m. this morning. One person was injured. The Fire Brigade sent three appliances immediately to help in the rescue.

Damaged

Traffic was not blocked on Wanchai Road.

Several houses in Lyttelton Road and Robinson Road have been evacuated of all occupants owing to the dangerous state of the buildings which have been affected by landslides in the area. The houses are Nos. 25 to 27, Lyttelton Road and Nos. 94 to 96, Robinson Road.

A landslide is also reported in Victoria Road, near the swimming shed of the Gold, Silver and Jewellers Association. Victoria Road at this point is blocked and the road-way has been closed to traffic.

A China Mail reporter took a car from West Point to Shaukiwan. Everywhere the roads were awash and the fabric of the road badly damaged.

In North Point a drain had crumpled and the road looked like a small volcano.

All along the way, drain tops had been forced up and water bubbled over on to the roads.

In Shaukiwan, women did

their marketing in water above their knees.

So far no further rescue attempt has been possible in the Shaukiwan squatter area which was demolished by a great ton-ton slab of rock which broke away from the cliff face above the huts and crushed several like matchboxes.

However, Government spokesman said this morning that the latest information regarding road conditions indicate that traffic is slowly returning to normal.

On the island, almost all roads except Kennedy Road are now open to through traffic.

But many are still restricted to single-line in certain points. In Kowloon, very little damage has been caused except for the Tai Po Road just below the Carlton Hotel. Light traffic is allowed to cross at this point.

Further on the road is completely blocked owing to a wash-out.

At the 6½ milestone, 50 yards of the road have slipped.

Sai Kung

The Tai Po Road is expected to be closed for four to five days. If the rain continues, a Traffic Department spokesman said, it could be longer.

Hiram's Highway, the road to Sai Kung, remains closed and will not be reopened until all obstructions have been cleared. Bus services are still suspended. The Peak Tram is still suspended.

The Traffic Authorities announce that tests for driving licences for June 15-16 have been suspended. The Traffic Department also announced that they had requested learner driving schools not to conduct any more lessons until the weather improves.

Since the rain began on Thursday, the Royal Observatory have recorded a total fall of 23.9 inches. In the heaviest June rainfall for 43 years, a further 1,107 million gallons have been added to the colony's water supply. There are now more than 6,400 million gallons in the reservoirs.

The total rainfall since January 1 is 53.4 inches which is nearly double the average rainfall to date—29.78 inches. In the six hours from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. the rainfall was almost 6 inches.

Airport

Rain was heavy at Kai Tak this morning. However, the air traffic was not disrupted to a great extent.

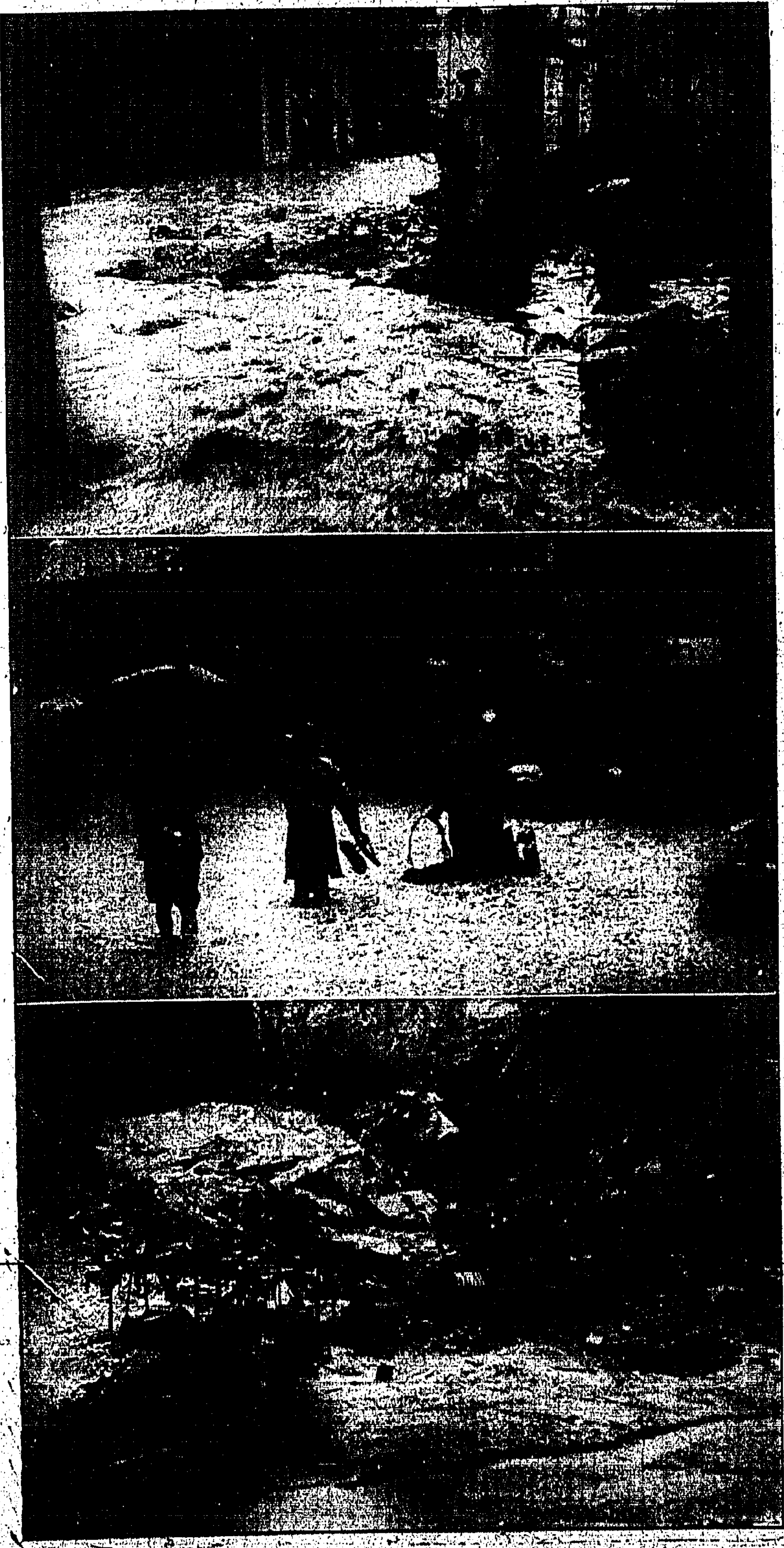
One PAA plane arrived two hours late from Bangkok while another PAA plane arrived a few minutes late from Tokyo.

The Boat Comet-4 from Tokyo, due to arrive at 8.15 a.m. was diverted to Manila.

The first plane to depart was a CPA for Bangkok which left at 10.45 a.m. It should have left at 8.30 a.m.

The Chief Officer of Fire Brigade advised persons in charge of Category 3 dangerous goods stores to check their stocks to ensure that they have not been contaminated by water during the weekend.

Shops should be taken immediately to see that their stocks are fully protected against the weather because they become dangerous on contact with water.



These pictures taken by China Mail photographers vividly illustrate the scale of the disaster. The middle picture shows Shaukiwan market this morning.

Three More Alleged 'Plantations' Men Held

Three men charged with being members of the Society of Plantations, a society dissolved recently by a Government order, were arrested opposite Kai Tak last Saturday.

The three men, Cheung Ngau-chai, 24, Chan Tuen, 44, and Lee Kim, 31, appeared before Mr B. V. Rhodes at Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning.

The magistrate remanded the three men until July 2.

The arrests were made by Det. Sub-Insps. Cheng Chin-hun, of CID Kowloon City.

PRINCESS ANNE SURPRISES A SERGEANT

London, June 15. A British army sergeant is reported today to be "still recovering from the shock" of finding Princess Anne hiding in the men's changing room during a polo-match at Windsor.

The Daily Express diarist says it happened yesterday when the eight-year-old Princess and the Prince of Wales, 10, were watching the Duke of Edinburgh play polo.

The Royal children were walking to rejoin Queen Elizabeth followed by Chief Superintendent Albert Perkins.

Princess Anne, the diarist adds, grabbed her brother's arm and cried: "Come on, Charles, let's hide from Perkins."

They squeezed through a hole in a wooden fence and were nowhere to be seen when the detective also got through the fence.

Then an official pointed towards a tent where the polo players change.

According to the Daily Express writer, the detective dashed to the tent and asked a sergeant: "Have you seen Princess Anne and Prince Charles?"

He replied: "Yes, they are here."

The Princess said: "I was wondering when you would manage to find us."

Then, high-jumping over a rope she said: "Can you do this, Mr Perkins?"

The perplexing detective replied: "No, I can't."—China Mail Special.

Liz Was Nearly Left Behind

Paris, June 14. Honeymooning Hollywood star Elizabeth Taylor was nearly left behind here tonight when fourth husband Eddie Fisher left for London, because French authorities objected that her passport still bore the name of "Todd"—surname of her third husband.

Miss Taylor, in a state of great agitation, drank down glass after glass of red Bordeaux wine at the airport bar while waiting for a decision by the passport authorities.

She was finally allowed to leave with her husband.—AFP.

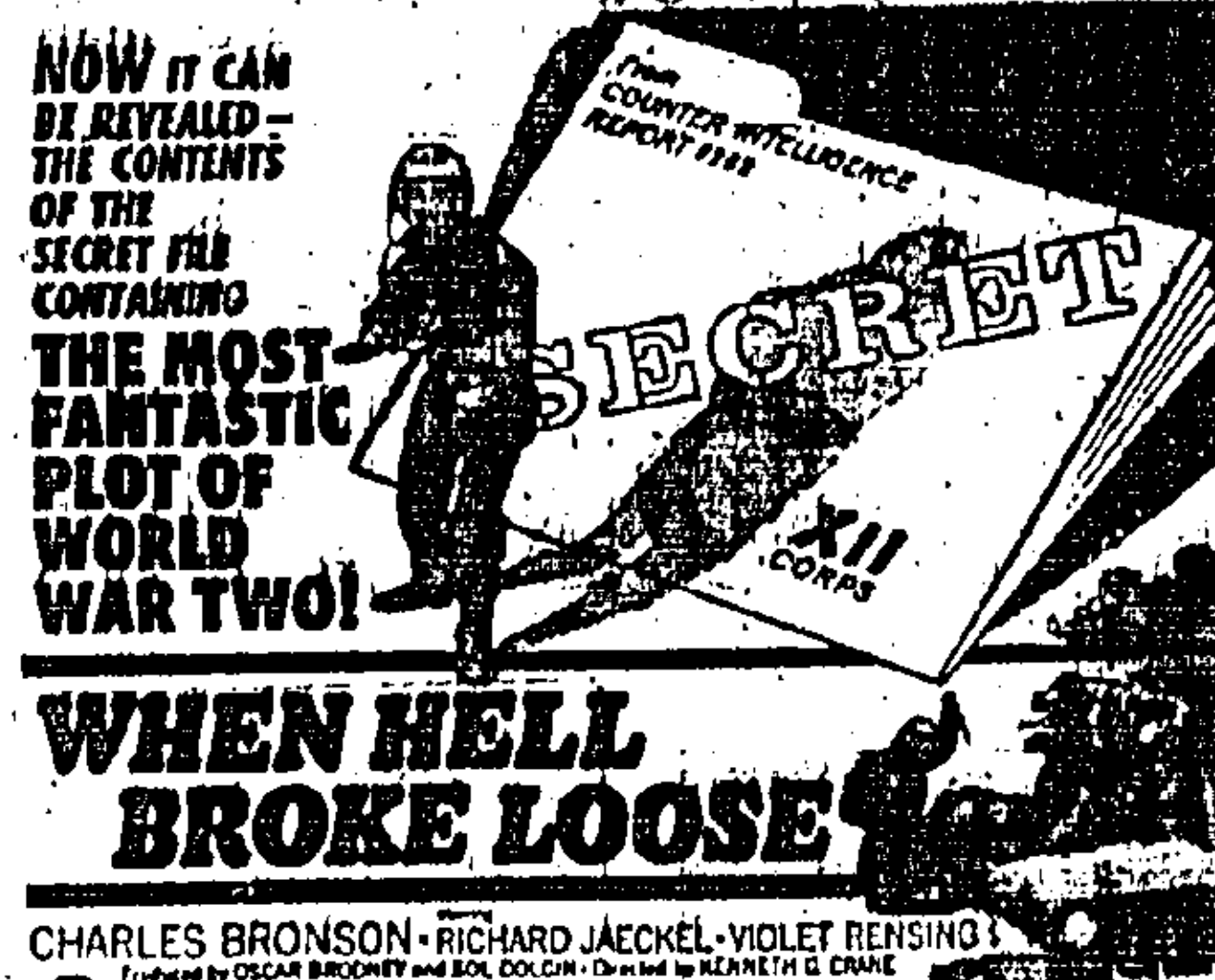
More Help For HK Refugees

Oslo, June 14. The Norwegian Refugee Council has given 100,000 kroner (£20,000) to bring 25 refugees from Hongkong to Europe, it was announced today.

The refugees, mostly white Russians who left their country in World War I, will go to France, Switzerland, Belgium, the Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark and Norway.—Reuters.

KING'S PRINCESS

SHOWING TO-DAY



CHARLES BRONSON - RICHARD JAECKEL - VIOLET RENSHAW

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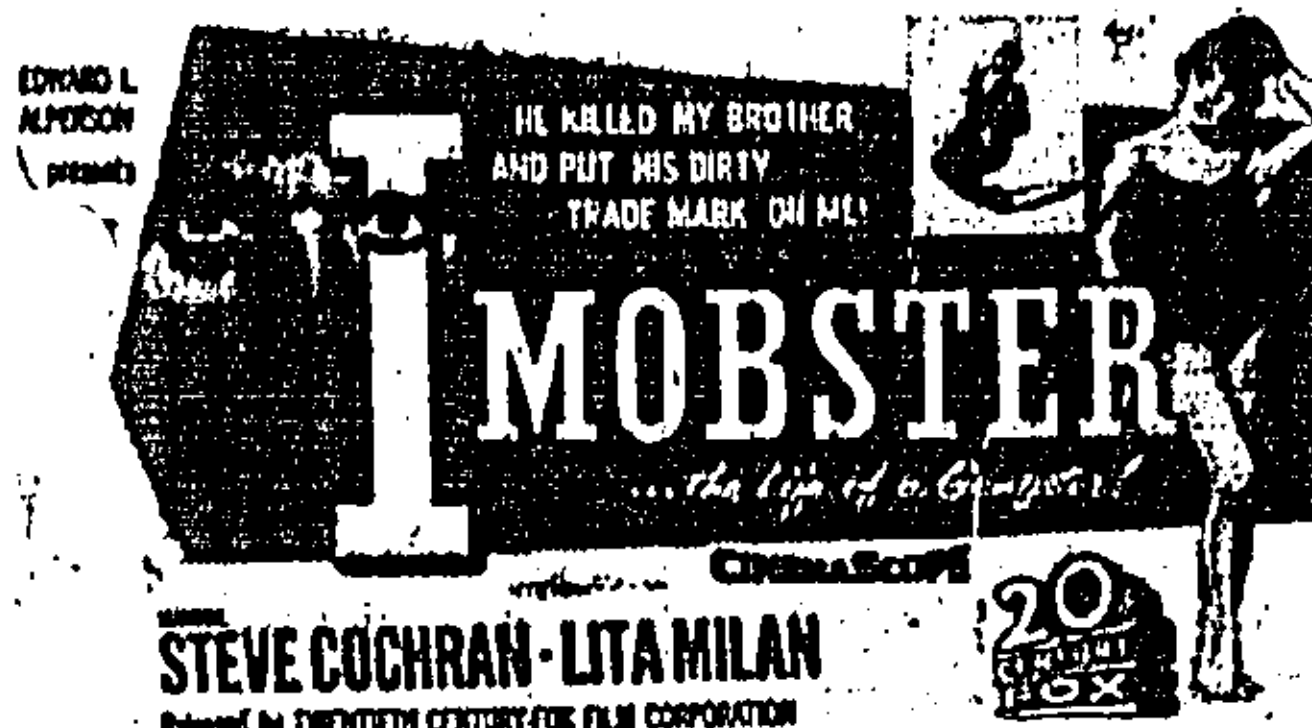


ROXY & BROADWAY

FINAL SHOWING

SHOWING TO-DAY

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ROXY STAR

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OPENING TO-MORROW

A SUPER CHINESE PICTURE

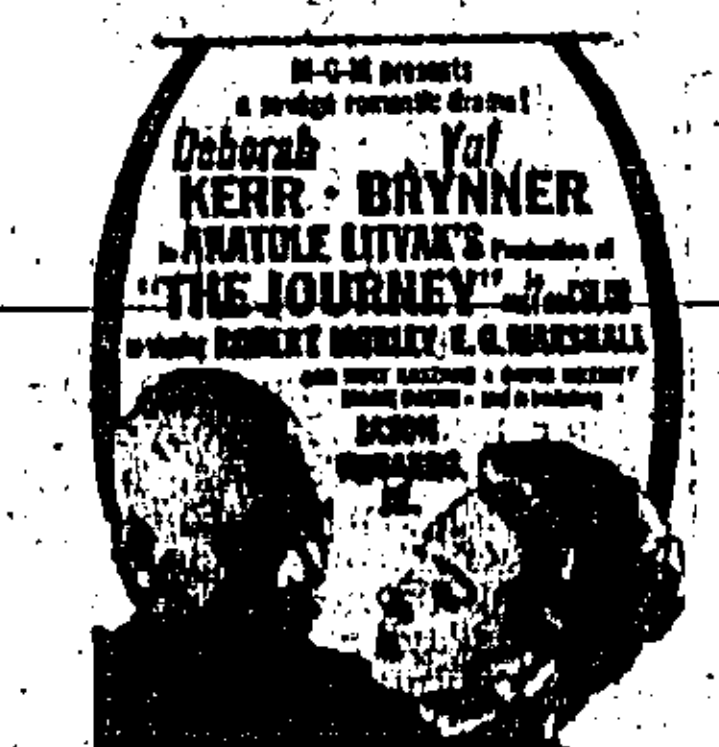


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Morning Show To-morrow "SHOTGUN" (Color)

Labour's Election Campaign Plans Upset

London, June 14. Labour's campaign plans for a general election now possibly only four months distant stand the chance of being seriously dislocated by the party's latest split over the H-bomb issue.

It is being widely speculated that a reappraisal of official Labour policy—which does not commit a future Socialist Government to banning the bomb—will be forced by the action of Britain's third biggest union, the General and Municipal Workers, which in annual conference last week rejected this line.

By a majority, the union called on the next Labour government to take unilateral action to end making nuclear weapons and to prohibit the use of such weapons from British territory.

A Bulwark Fear among Socialists who support official policy on the bomb is that the General Workers' example will be followed next month by the Transport Workers' Union—Britain's biggest—while alone provides the Labour Party with a million members. This is nearly a sixth of the party's total strength.

Traditionally, these giant unions have stood as a bulwark of official policy, and on past occasions their massive card vote at Labour's annual delegate conferences has steamrollered the official line through against sectional movements to bin the bomb.

The uncertainty now created by the decision of the General and Municipal Workers has stipulated intensive behind-scenes activity in the parliamentary Labour Party.

Active Search Active search for compromise is taking place at unofficial level. One idea is that a future Labour government would promote a "non-nuclear club", seeking a treaty with all non-nuclear powers to renounce manufacture of hydrogen weapons.

Some "right-wing" Socialists criticise this as unrealistic and escapist, claiming it would mean in practice that though Britain stopped making the bomb she would be depending on American bombs to honour her Atlantic treaty commitments.

In any case, they argue, France would decline to "join the club".

Quashed Pressure Mr Hugh Galskell, the party leader, has with quashed a mounting rank-and-file pressure for the party to resist any possible transfer of United States fighter-bombers from French to British bases.

The Labour leader, and his official lieutenants, are now faced with the much bigger problem of halting a trend within the party that would commit it in advance to unilateral nuclear disarmament.

—Reuter.



Miss Barbara Black, daughter of the Governor, visited the Ebenezer Home for the Blind at Pokfulam this morning. (Left to right) Miss E. Morgenstern, Miss Black, Mr P. English and Mr F. T. Melwan.—Staff Photographer.

Brought In Illegal Immigrants

A 50-year-old junkmaster, Sin Chor-po, was fined \$600 or 10 weeks by Mr T. L. Yang at Central Magistracy this morning for assisting illegal immigrants to enter the Colony and being owner of an unlicensed junk.

The Police said a Revenue party boarded Sin's junk in Kap Sui Moon on Saturday afternoon and found nine illegal immigrants who admitted having come from Macao and having promised to pay the junk master \$100 each upon safe arrival in the Colony.

HEAVY FINES FOR INDIANS

(Continued from Page 1)

The first three accused, all employees of the Vaswani Trading Co., owners of the factory in question, pleaded guilty to conspiring to obtain the certificates from the Department of Commerce and Industry.

They were represented by the Hon. Leo d'Almada, QC, and Mr Patrick Yiu, both instructed by Messrs Wilkinson and Gird.

Mr Simon Li prosecuted, assisted by Chief Inspector C. L. Smith and D. C. & I. Detective Inspector G. A. D. Rich.

Mr Li told the Court that the allegation was that the accused, in their application for imperial preference certificates, had "juggled" with their accounts and books and supplied false figures.

Mr Li said there was evidence that the first accused gave instructions to falsify the wage records of the factory.

From time to time the second accused also did this. He also supervised the payments to the workmen.

—Reuter.

MISS BLACK VISITS EBENEZER HOME FOR BLIND

A thunderstorm was raging when Miss Barbara Black visited the Ebenezer Home for the Blind at Pokfulam this morning, but the children greeted their visitor with quiet pleasure.

Miss E. Morgenstern, Superintendent of the Home, welcomed Miss Black who was attended by her ADC, Mr Peter English.

Mr F. T. Melwan also made the tour of inspection. In the kindergarten room Miss Black saw infants in white blouses with red and white striped skirts, playing with coloured counters and rings. She was entertained by four-year-old Yung-Po-chung wearing a delightful theatrical costume of blue and white silk with sequin embroidery and colourful ribbons fluttering from the waistline. The child played with her flute and demonstrated action songs with great charm.

Classrooms

Older children were busy in their classrooms studying primary subjects from their Braille books and with help from their teachers. Typewriters were in use and piano practice was going on as Miss Black moved from room to room observing intently the methods and products of the instruction.

In the handicrafts room a variety of work was in progress. A young girl was skillfully turning a pottery wheel and multi-coloured strands were being woven on a loom.

Knitting machines were also in action and on the table at the end of the room an exhibition of the beautiful work completed was displayed. These included fair lace jumpers, fine lace crocheted work, embroidered linens, basket work and glazed pottery.

New Building

After seeing the dormitories and other rooms upstairs, Miss Black was taken to the new building where the older women live. They were also shown the work in handwork and recreational facilities.

Before leaving the Home, Miss Black received a bouquet of gladioli from little Yung Po-chung who was no taller than the flowers themselves.

STATE

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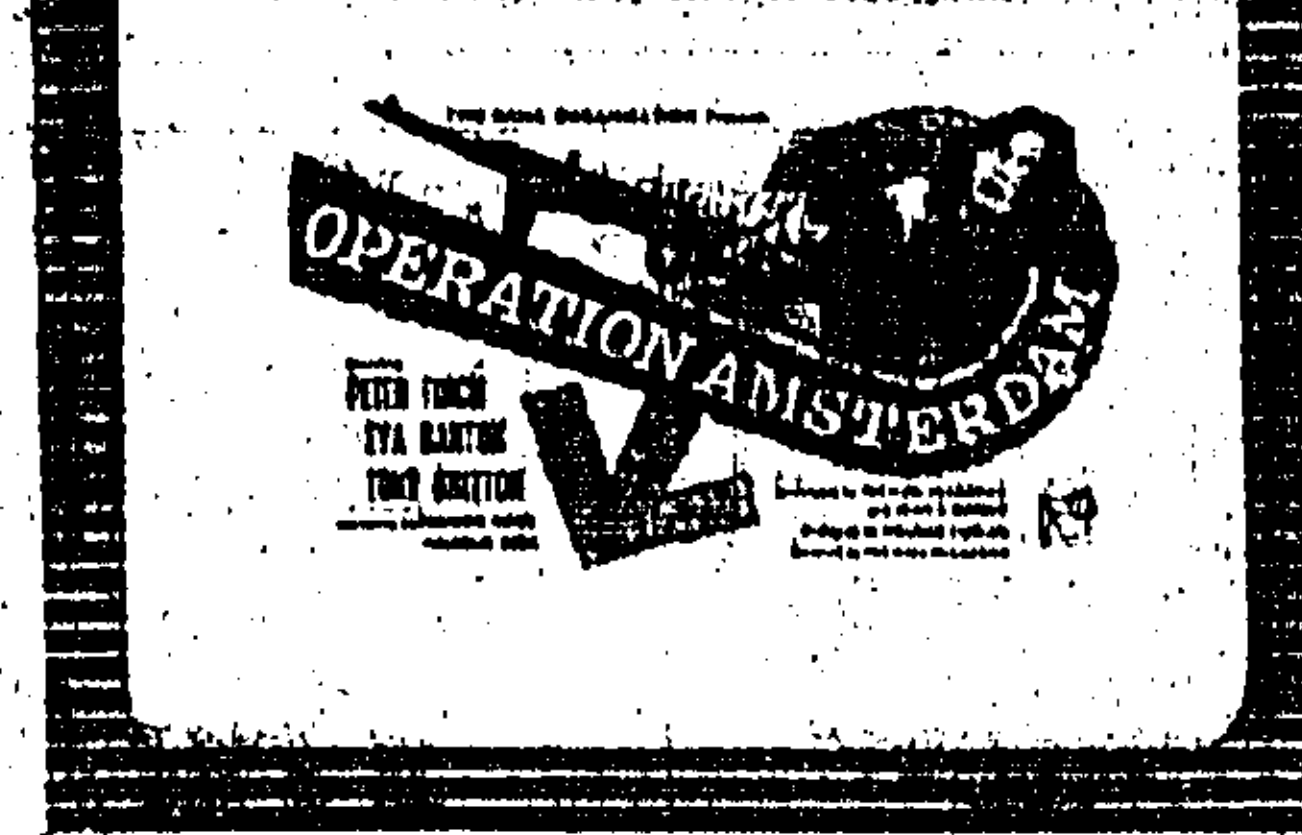


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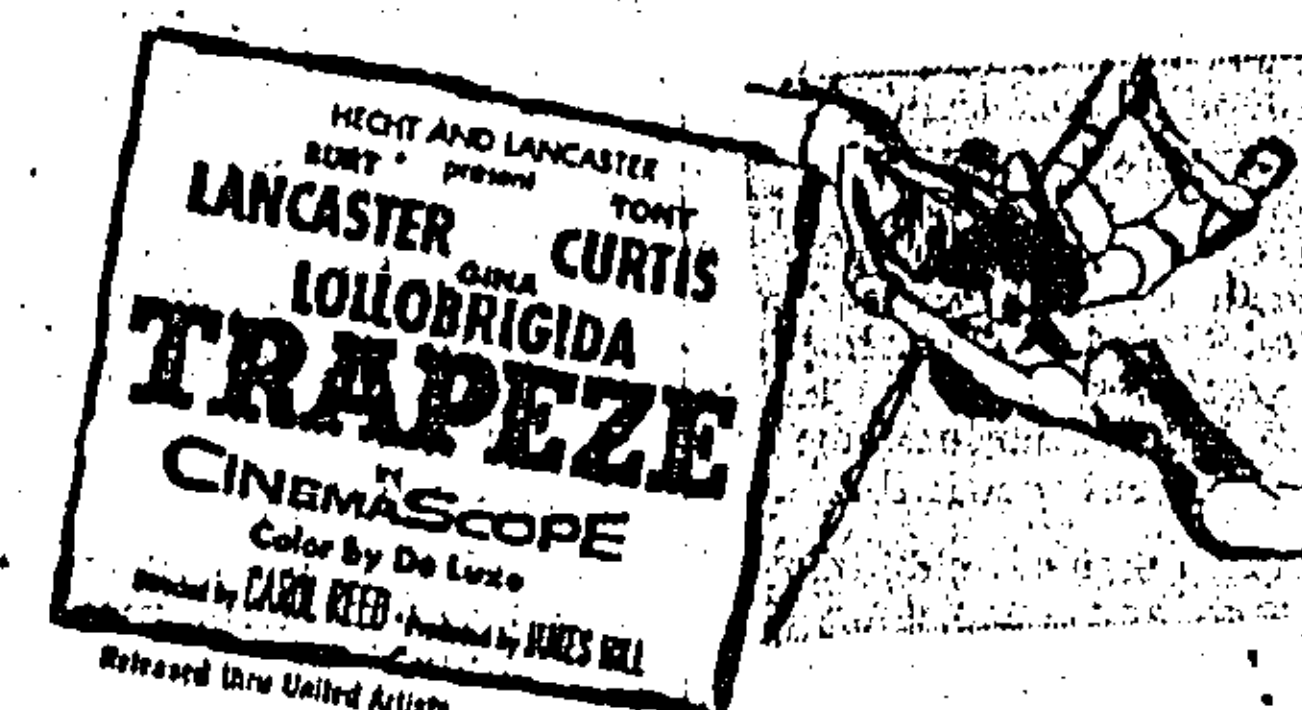
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THE WONDER SHOW OF THE WORLD!



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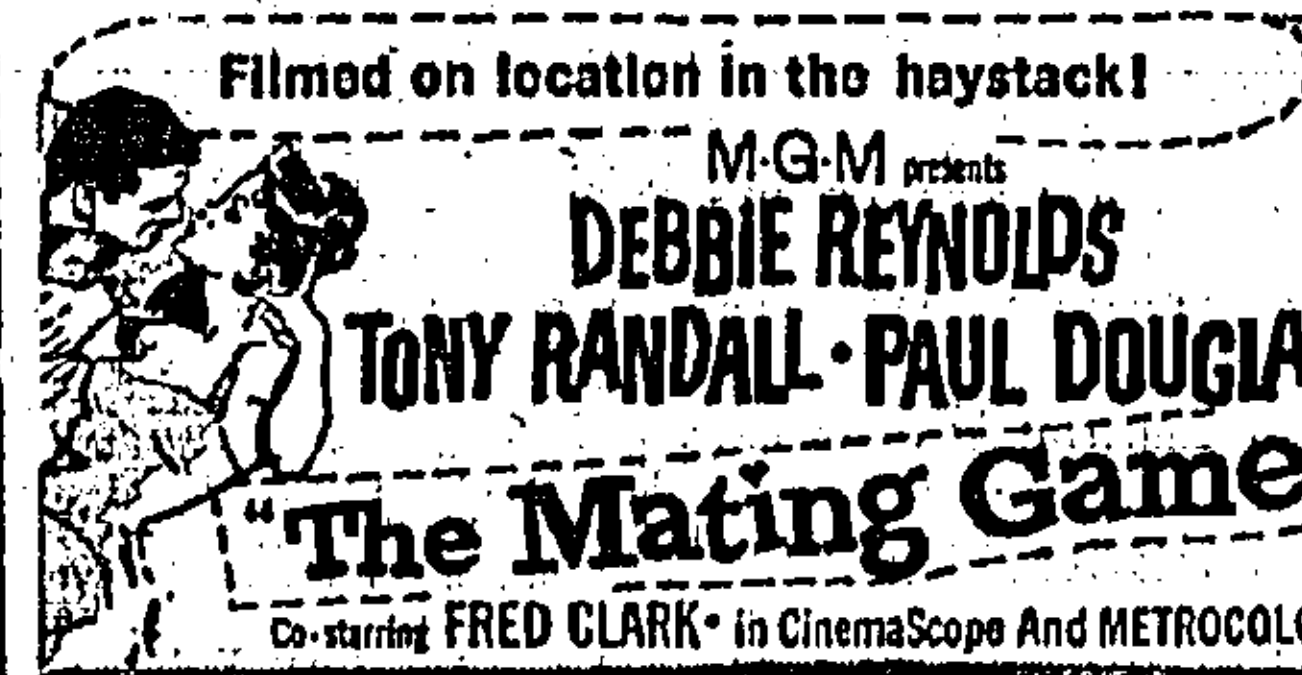
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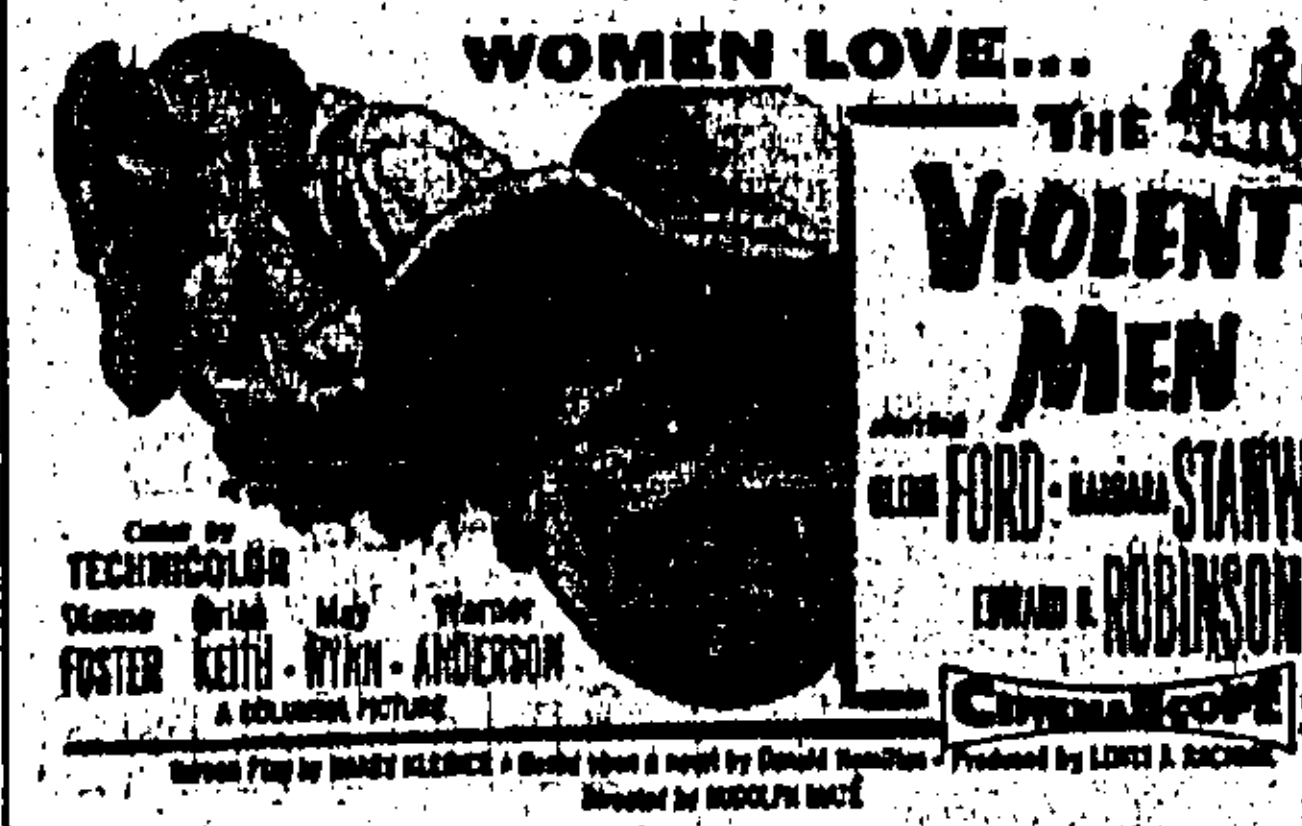
A Romantic Riot on the Screen! Rollicking Laughters!



CAPITOL

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TO-MORROW

Kieron Moore — Elizabeth Sellars in "RECOIL"

To-morrow Morning Show At 12.30 p.m. Martha Hyer in "ORIENTAL EVIL"

METZ CINEMA

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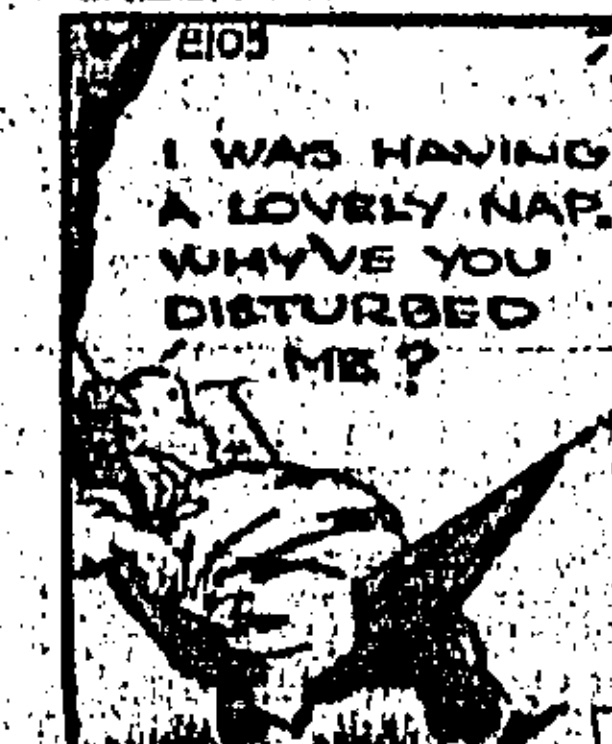
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EAST OF EDEN

JOHN GARFIELD — JOHN HODIAK — JOHN HODIAK — JOHN HODIAK

Next Change: JOHN GARFIELD in "THE COLOSSUS OF NEW YORK"

POP — The brush-off



LINER LIMPS TO HER END

Tokyo, June 15. The battered, though still seaworthy, former luxury liner Ile de France, will limp back to Osaka port today where explosion scenes for the Metro Goldwyn Mayer film "The Last Voyage" will take place.

During the past two weeks the 4,356-ton liner has been anchored 2,000 feet off shore at Sumoto, western Japan.

In that time the ship partly "exploded," and one funnel blown off and "smoke" while panic-stricken passengers leapt into lifeboats leaving the ship to her doom.

The "captain" was "killed" when the 50-ton funnel crashed on to the wheelhouse where he had remained refusing to leave his ship.

A spokesman for the company, speaking by telephone from Osaka last night, said the filming of the liner off Sumoto had been completed.

The ship which was sunk to a maximum depth of about 40 feet so that the water lapped along "C" deck, was pumped clear yesterday and will be towed to Osaka today.

The film company now plans to film explosion scenes while the Ile de France is near Osaka port.

Scrapping

The spokesman said four or five explosions would take place

in one of the boiler rooms and in the ship's holds.

He said the explosions would take place while the ship was anchored about a mile and a half out from Osaka harbour.

The spokesman said some smaller explosions would probably be fired while the ship was in the harbour.

After the film company has finished with blasting and "sinking" the liner, it will be scrapped by the Okadagumi Salvage Company in Osaka.

China Mail Special.

Persuasive Writer

London, June 15. Michael Ashe wrote in to plead guilty to a traffic offence. He almost convinced himself he was innocent in the process.

He wrote eight lines of explanation, then crossed them out and said: "Please, excuse the above. I had exonerated myself so completely I was even beginning to believe it."—He was fined £2-10-0.—UPI.

Britain Has Plan To Solve Its Race Problem

London, June 14.

The British Government has decided to disperse the coloured populations living in Britain's big cities, the newspaper Sunday Graphic said today.

Purpose of the scheme, the paper said, was to put an end to race strife in Britain, whose coloured population of 250,000—half from the West Indies, one third from Pakistan and India and the rest from West Africa—has doubled in the past five years.

Home Secretary R. A. Butler will soon submit to the British cabinet, the paper said, a decentralisation plan for Britain's coloured communities which would be broken up and directed to towns in the provinces and in the country.

New dwellings would be put at the disposal of these new emigrants by the local counties and rural districts.

"So instead of a quarter of a million coloured people being crammed into a few areas—of decaying houses—they would be dispersed among the 50,000,000 white people in the country."

PM Approves

"Mr Butler whose plan comes before the Commons soon will ask the council to earmark some of their new houses for the coloured folk," the Sunday Graphic said.

The plan was said to have received the approval of Premier Harold Macmillan, who had come to

the conclusion that only an effort on the national level could solve Britain's colour-immigration problem.

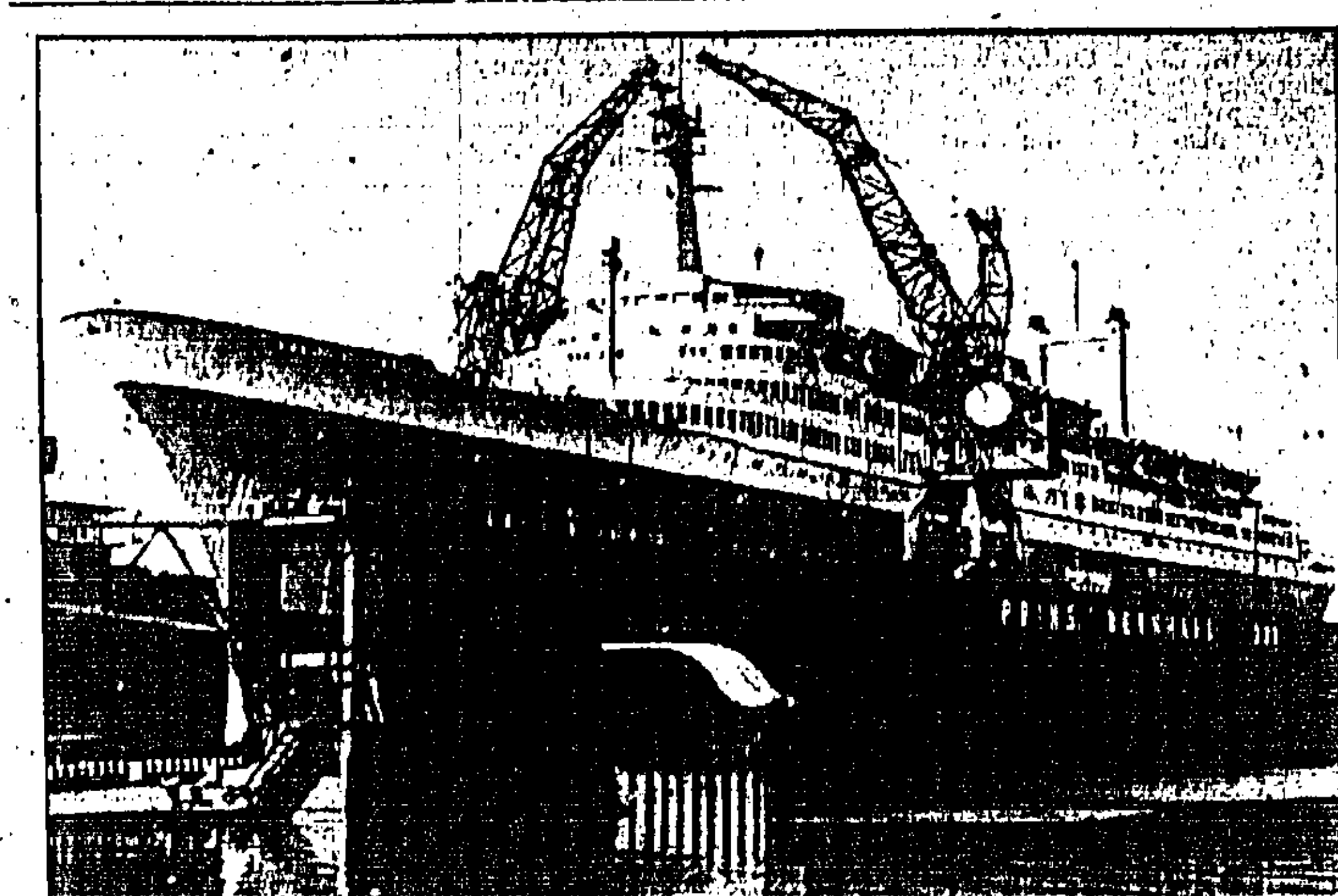
More than 100,000 of Britain's coloured immigrants have settled in the London area and another 30,000 around Birmingham.

Strong communities of coloured people have also been established in Manchester, Liverpool, Cardiff, Bradford and Tyneside.

The government plan would establish the new coloured communities in Cheltenham, Harrogate and Bath, the paper said.—AFP and China Mail Special.

Hyde Park Crowd Scattered

London, June 14. Five people were injured when a horse galloped into a large crowd at Hyde Park's famous Speakers' Corner here today.—Reuters.



Singapore Juke Boxes To Go High-Blow?

Singapore, June 14.

Singapore juke box operators today offered to play only classical music.

The new leftist People's Action Party government of the island banned juke boxes and gambling machines on Friday.

Yesterday at a Press conference, the Prime Minister, Mr Lee Kuan-yew, said if music was played quietly "and you get records of music by Chopin, Beethoven and so on — by all means let us have juke boxes."

A meeting of the Singapore Amusements Service Association — the juke box owners' organisation — said association members were willing to play classical music if the Government would lift its ban.

The association said 4,000 men would be out of jobs if the ban stayed on.

The Association has picked a leading Singapore character and former Chief Minister, Mr David Marshall to represent it.

Meanwhile bar and coffee shop owners are still supplying their customers with music — by radio gramophone pickup.

Mr Lee also said the people of the island would start to get the benefit of the planning of his party in about two years.

He told the annual meeting of the Singapore Truction Company Employees Union that there would then be more factories on the island, and more chances of employment.

There would also be an education drive, so that the people would not be fooled.—Reuters.

Three Die In Shooting Spree

Richmond, Va., June 14. A 35-year-old man killed his son, mother and sister early today and then took his own life in an early morning shooting spree near Richmond.

Hanover County medical officials said William Alfred Thorpe shot all three of his victims in the back of the head with a .25 calibre foreign-made revolver.

The dead were identified as Thorpe's two-year-old son, Timmy Arnold; his mother, Mrs Selly Thorpe, 65, and his sister, Mary Ann Thorpe, 34.—UPI.

Bank Strike

Rome, June 14. Italy's bank clerks announced tonight that they will be on strike from tomorrow for higher pay.

The Bankers' Association said that all banks will remain open throughout the strike and senior staff, not expected to strike will serve behind the counters.—Reuters.

New Liner Gets 'Eyes'

The Holland-America Line's new flagship, Rotterdam, is fitted with her radar tower at the Prince Bernhard Dock, Rotterdam.

The ship, of 38,000 gross tons, is the first major trans-Atlantic liner to be built without a funnel.

She makes her maiden voyage to New York on September 4 with Princess Beatrix on board.—Reuters photo.

Child Burglar (Fifteen) Reveals His Secret

Paris, June 14.

A veteran thief responsible for some 15 robberies—although he is only 13 years of age—was caught by police today because he could not resist the childish delight of setting off firecrackers.

The boy, whose name is being withheld, escaped from a reform school and carried out a number of daring burglaries. In Rennes, he entered shops and rifled the cash drawers, taking advantage of his small size and great agility. He carried out further robberies in Caen and Le Mans.

Today, in Rennes, he was doing nothing worse than setting off firecrackers when police questioned him. But he looked so frightened that the police investigated further and found that he was carrying 25,000 francs in his pocket.

He confessed his life of crime, relinquished his firecrackers and was taken into custody.—AFP.

Not So Fast

Atlanta, Ga., June 13. You'll have a hard time convincing Georgia Gov. Ernest Vandiver that "missile mail" is faster than conventional air mail.

Vandiver received a letter from Jacksonville, Florida, yesterday — 96 hours after it was sent by Postmaster General Arthur Sumnerfield in a regular missile fired from a submarine to the Mayport, Florida, Naval station.

Jacksonville is only 350 miles from Atlanta — less than two hours by air.—UPI.

Russians Smitten By French Models

Moscow, June 14.

A willowy English beauty said today Russian men seem to be smitten with a group of models who are showing Muscovites the latest fashions from the Paris House of Dior.

Christiane Tildmarsh said the Russian men line up outside the big House of Dior, where the shows are presented, each day to put in their bids for dates with the models.

"I suppose men are basically the same everywhere," Miss Tildmarsh remarked.

French Models

"We're too busy to get to know any Russian men but they seem very nice," the model remarked.

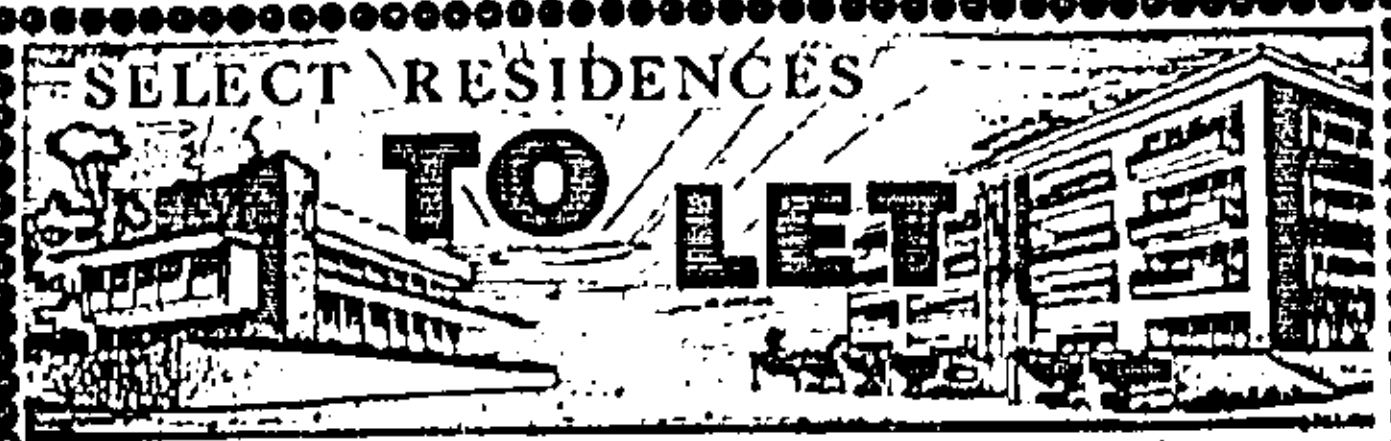
Miss Tildmarsh is among 12 models who left the famed Paris fashion house to show in Moscow in the interests of "sporting

France-Soviet cultural exchanges.

The models have been giving two and three shows a day in the House of Dior where Russian women have been packing into a hall to watch the shows.

"When we leave after the performances, people wait for us on the street and give us flowers and bouquets," Miss Tildmarsh said.

"They even peer inside our trunks and smile and look very pleased," she said.—UPI.



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Two-bedroomed apartments (furnished and unfurnished) to let now in upper floor of modern, well-appointed building. Several of these reasonably-priced premises overlook the Botanical Gardens and the Harbour.

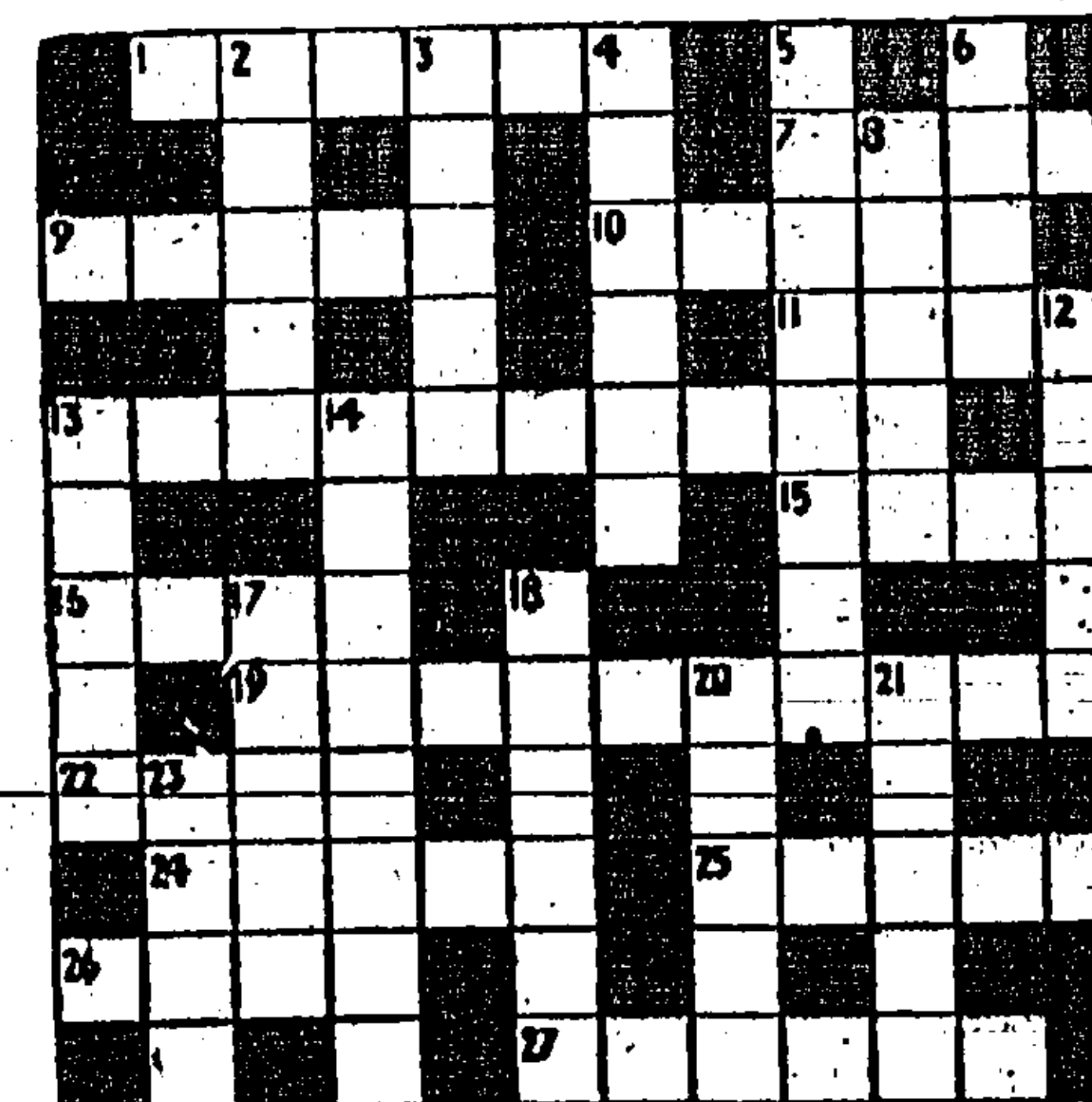
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A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
1 Happy person (colloquial) (6)
7 Egg-shaped (4)
8 Accumulate (5)
10 Tooth (5)
11 Besides (4)
13 Deprive of ownership (10)
15 Rip (4)
16 Scheme (4)
19 Larking (10)
22 Espy (4)
24 Sialum (5)
26 Scholar (5)
28 Demagogue (4)
29 Unmarried (9)

DOWN
2 Repasts (5)
3 Lariat (5)
4 Negligent (8)
5 Interfered with (8)
6 Disfigure (4)
8 Dance (5)
12 Bird (5)
13 Drugs (5)
14 Contrite (8)
17 Worship (5)
18 Oddments (5)
20 Mature (5)
21 Horrify (5)
23 Bucket (4)

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Racket, 4 Corps, 7 Menace, 8 Feast, 10 Ape, 12 Debased, 15 Deer, 16 Tire, 17 Even, 19 Proem, 20 Deceit, 21 Sure, 23 Frone, 24 Remand, 26 Adult, 28 Friend, Down: 1 Tampass, 2 Conceals, 3 Etch, 5 Operates, 6 Poster, 9 Merry, 11 Sentinel, 13 Depot, 15 Simulate, 14 Defended, 18 Veered, 22 Penr.

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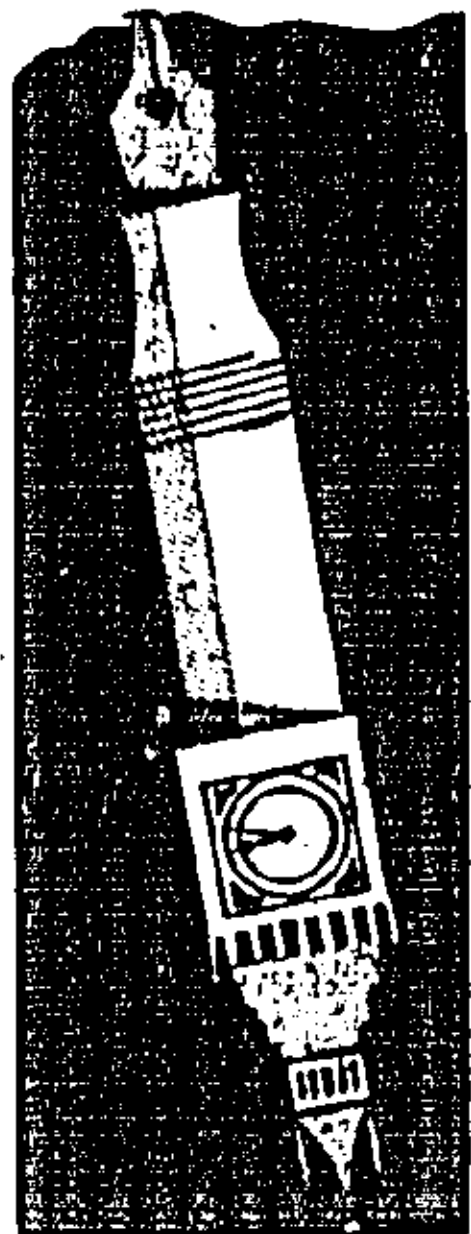
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THESE TREMENDOUS YEARS



TODAY: MY CHOICE FOR
CHURCHILL'S MOST
CRITICAL MOMENT

OF ALL THE HOURS of tension in the House of Commons during the war, which moment was most loaded with hidden significance? William Barkley, the renowned Parliamentary Reporter, makes today a choice which will set many people arguing. THE CHINA MAIL is presenting extracts from Barkley's forthcoming autobiography—and this is the second instalment.

IT was June 21, 1942. The news of the fall of Tobruk was not officially released until seven minutes past midnight that night.

The disaster shocked the Commons as well as the country. It was the cause of the war's one direct challenge in Parliament to the Prime Minister.

A Tory, Sir John Wardlaw-Milne, put down on the Order-paper a stark motion—"That this House has no confidence in the central direction of the war." It was debated on July 2 in a grim and troubled assembly.

Year after year had gone by with never a victory, with only a sporadic naval success to mitigate the gloom of defeat.

Sir John had ample material for his lamentation and a large following for his general opinion that there was something wrong with the central direction.

Arguments

But before this point Churchill was secure—at least in this debate.

For after piling up one effective argument after another Sir John Wardlaw-Milne was suddenly heard to say that the thing to do was to appoint the Duke of Gloucester to command the Army. This gave me a

most awkward piece to report. The fact is that for two minutes Sir John stood there silent, wondering what had gone wrong while the loyal House of Commons quietly uttered in the greatest embarrassment.

Members of Parliament had no wish to sneer at the Royal Family. What had escaped Sir John Wardlaw-Milne's mind was that if his plan was the way to take the Army out of politics it was also the way to bring the Royal Family straight into politics. Sir Beverley Dexter later made a comment on the scene which I envied.

The turn
He said that when the Duke of Gloucester was mentioned Churchill sat up as if he had just heard that Rommel was captured.

From that moment the attack on Churchill disintegrated into eggs. In the end, after a restrained and reasoned speech, he got 475 votes of confidence. All the same, 25 votes, including three of half a dozen Tories, were cast against him.

In this debate also Earl Winterton said that if there were any more disasters he would support Churchill as Foreign Secretary under some other Prime Minister.

Now here surely is a dramatic moment for historians to ponder. For we did not know, Winterton did not know, Churchill did not know that there were not going to be any more disasters—certainly none of this magnitude.

WILLIAM BARKLEY'S PERSONAL NOTEBOOK

This caused great speculation. Some thought Lloyd George was entering the Cabinet in charge of food production. It was rumoured also that he was going to Washington as ambassador.

The quiet idea occurred to me that if I went down to Churt that night and asked him he would tell me. I cannot think why, considering that I had never spoken to him in my life.

The door at Churt was opened by a servant, but Lloyd George was on the doorstep in a moment. He seized my hand warmly and said: "Will you come in and have a glass of sherry? This is an outrage. Am I to have no privacy at all from Fleet Street reporters?"

He went on: "I will ring up Lord Beaverbrook immediately and complain of this intrusion. It is intolerable. Will you come in and have a glass of sherry?" Before I could lose my temper I sensed how the wind lay. I excused myself and turned away sadly. I had learned something. He would never enter the Cabinet. He would never be the ambassador to America.

Two giants

Some future Plutarch will compare the achievements of Lloyd George and Churchill, two giants sent to save the nation in its different distresses. What I say is, abating nothing of my devotion to Churchill, that for Lloyd George the path was quite unmarked. Before 1914 there was no experience of the nation being wholly mobilized for war. His mind alone conceived the scale of things.

It has been said savagely of him that he not only won the war but that he won the books to show he did it without assistance.

Perhaps indeed he did.

THE ENGLISH

IT IS said that "Englishmen indulge in pleasures as if they were to die tomorrow, and build as if they were to live for ever."

My answer on this subject is that the English are the cleverest people in the world at getting out of difficulties which they are the stupidest people in the world to get into.

THE SCOTS

TO BE a Scotman is a never-ending source of interest.

I like to think that many Scots are descended from the English who fled north in

1066 rather than be governed by Normans—just as many Canadians are descended from settlers in the United States who went north after the War of Independence rather than be governed by a President in Washington.

So I do not stake the claim too high for the Scots. All I say to my English friends, when need be, is that, after all, a Scotman is only a superior type of Englishman.

The sayings of Baldwin

Considering that Baldwin clung tenaciously to the leadership of the Tory Party for 14 years, beating every effort to oust him, it seems a pity that my collection of his sayings on the subject should be lost.

A few days before his choice as leader, he came to a luncheon to hope some time to go back to Worcestershire to read the books I want to read, to live a decent life, and keep pigs and read no newspapers.

OCTOBER 3, 1925, at Brighton: "When the party wants to change its leader I will step down, but not till then."

A change

MARCH 13, 1931, in a letter to Duff Cooper (Baldwin candidate in the St. George's election): "Those who elected me leader know full well that I will not stand in the way if they desire a change." (G. M. Young revealed in his biography that at this very time the Chief Agent of the Tory Party had written to Neville Chamberlain urging that Baldwin should resign.)

MARCH 25, 1935: "In the natural course of events I must be getting to the end of my active career in politics."

MARCH 29, 1935: "These words have been taken as pre-arranged for my immediate retirement. That is putting too fine a point on it."

OCTOBER 7, 1936 (after three months' holiday): "My health has greatly benefited by my rest, and I look forward to playing my part with renewed vigour."

TOMORROW

Some People...

Cancer, smoking... 'Still no proof'

THERE is still not enough evidence to be able to say that smoking causes lung cancer. That is the verdict of Sir Ronald Fisher, 68-year-old Cambridge don and one of Britain's leading statisticians, in a booklet published recently.

By Peter Fairley

He attacks the British Medical Council for "over-confidence" in its reports on a possible link.

And for holding back facts in some of its statistics which show that people who INHALE are LESS liable to get lung cancer.

Using as an example an investigation carried out into the smoking habits of twins in Germany, he suggests that surveys on smoking groups may be misleading because of genetic differences in the smokers.

The solution, that they had the game in the bag, could have prevented them from following up some of the other lines of inquiry which are much needed.

Tests on twins

Sir Ronald examines statistics collected by Dr. Bradford Hill and colleagues at the London School of Hygiene. They were based on a questionnaire put to 1,500 lung cancer victims in hospitals.

Sir Ronald says: "Should not these workers have let the world know, not only that they had discovered the cause of lung cancer (cigarettes), but also that they had discovered the means of its prevention (inhaling cigarette smoke)?"

"How had the Medical Research Council the heart to withhold this information from the thousands who would otherwise die of lung cancer?"

Because of these genetic differences, some smokers might be more liable to cancer than others, quite apart from the amount they smoke.

'In the bag'

Referring to "over-confidence" in reports, Sir Ronald says the worst effect of it so far is that "it seems to have held back the various teams of workers."

"They are all well supplied with money—the Medical Research Council is not stinting money on cancer research, and the American Cancer Society is obviously exceedingly well supplied with money."

"I think nothing but over-confidence that they had found

Beliefs

He adds: "There is nothing to stop those who greatly desire it from believing that lung cancer is caused by smoking cigarettes. They should also believe that inhaling cigarette smoke is a protection."

"To believe either is, however, to run the risk of failing to recognise, and therefore failing to prevent, other and more genuine causes."

FOOTNOTE: Sir Ronald, President of Gonville and Caius College, is an expert in genetics and a consultant on statistics to the Tobacco Manufacturers' Standing Committee. He smokes a pipe.

(London Express Service).

A diet expert warns — 'Hidden' fats danger in meat, eggs, fish

THE link between over-eating and a heart attack is not yet clear enough for doctors to recommend Britons to change their food habits, says Dr George Wadsworth, a London diet expert, writing in the current issue of Medical World.

"So many discoveries in relation to this subject are now being made," he continues, "that there is every hope that soon the whole story may become clear."

deficiencies in their diet by too many chemists' preparations. Far better change your food habits, he says.

Inadequate?

Meanwhile, he suggests, doctors should advise patients to avoid too many animal fats, take more exercise. And fats, he warns, are often "hidden" as part of meat, eggs, or fish.

Excessively overweight people, Dr Wadsworth recommends, will find that if they can lose weight, their need for food will decrease. He suggests they should imagine their normal helping, then eat only a proportion of them.

(London Express Service).

JUST FANCY THAT

PARENTS will sit in the classrooms of Trosnant Junior School at Leigh Park, Hanley, today and will do the lessons set for their children. A teacher explained: "The parents told us they could not help their children with their homework because they did not know how they were being taught, so we decided to show them."

A FLOCK of sheep blocked traffic-choked Piccadilly, London. They were on a lorry which broke down just where the road was already narrowed by road repairs. Police were called to disentangle the traffic. Then another lorry towed the stranded sheep clear.

FIREMEN called from Tiverton, Devon, to a blazing farmhouse at Little Silver, four miles from the town, did not know where Little Silver was. So they went to Bickleigh, spent nearly 10 minutes making inquiries there, and finally reached Little Silver after a nine-mile drive. The farmhouse was destroyed.

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Elvis Aron Presley.

WHERE were you born?

Tupelo, Mississippi.

HOW old are you?

Twenty-four.

WHAT would you estimate your personal fortune at?

Personal is right.

WHAT is it about your style that "sends" the teenagers?

Don't know.

WHERE did you get that hip wriggle from?

Can't help it.

IS it natural, or a publicity man's gimmick?

We don't use publicity men's gimmicks.

HOW did you develop your singing style?

Can't help it.

CAN you read music?

No.

HAVE you ever had singing lessons?

No, can't you tell?

CAN you really play a guitar, or do you just strum?

I know a little about a guitar.

HOW and where were you first spotted?

A place called Memphis recording service, by accident.

HOW many people do you personally employ?

About 12 or 15.

HOW much do you owe your success to your publicity man?

My manager did a great job in guiding me.

WHAT jobs did you have before you became a singer?

Theatre usher—machine shop—truck driver.

HOW many fan letters do you get?

It's hard to tell. It varies.

IS your fan mail just from young people or do older people write as well?

Both. I guess more from younger people.

ARE you proud of the way you earn a living?

Are you? You have to be in order to make good.

HOW long do you think rock 'n' roll will last?

I don't think any one in the world knows.

DO you like life in the army?

Army life is two years' obligation.

WHEN are you being released?



March 24, 1959. DOES the army give you time off for recording? The army has nothing to do with my free time, only duty hours. DO you sing and play for your army chorus? No, we don't have time. HAVE you had special privileges in the army? What do you mean? If I wanted special privileges I like to be in special service.

DOES the army still allow you to have bodyguards with you? I repeat, the army has nothing to do with my private life.

HAS life in the army taught you anything?

About certain things!

HOW many uniforms have you got?

Six or seven.

DO you press your own uniforms?

No—and neither does anyone else in the army. They have laundries, you know.

DO you find it easier to date girls than the other G.I.s?

The other guys have no trouble. That's a silly question.

DO you smoke?

No.

DO you drink?

No.

HAS your army service affected your career?

You probably know as much about that as I do.

IN view of the number of imitators which you now have, do you intend to change your style?

When people imitate you it's a compliment.

DO you have more girl fans than the other G.I.s?

Don't know.

WHAT is the first thing you notice about a girl?

If she's female or not.

DO you intend to get married?

Some day.

DO you prefer blondes, brunettes, or redheads?

Female.

WHAT do you like most?

Living.

WHAT do you hate most?

Hate itself.

WHAT sort of music do you like?

Any kind if it's good!



THE MOON AND SIXPENCE

(London Express Service).

"World Refugee Year" was launched this month.

WOMANSENSE

YOUR BIRTHDAY...By STELLA

MONDAY, JUNE 15

BORN today, you have been given artistic talents, especially in music and literature, by the stars. Unfortunately, you do not have as much self-confidence as you should have in your star-given inspiration. You are honest and frank and cut a grade A figure. If you exert yourself to the fullest and are not content with mediocrity, then you may achieve the fame and success which are due you.

JACOBY on BRIDGE

If you don't think that experts have their troubles at the bridge table study this hand from the finals of the mixed pairs at the Spring Nationals.

A look at the North-South hands only will indicate the desirability of getting to six spades. As long as West does not hold all three trumps the slam is a lay down.

Strangely enough not one pair found their way to the spade slam and it was well that they

NORTH (D)		4	
♠	9865		
♥	2		
♦	AJ93		
♣	A1064		
WEST		EAST	
♠	Q74	♠	None
♥	AK10853	♥	QJ74
♦	8	♦	8765
♣	872	♣	KQJ6
SOUTH		1	
♠	AKJ1032		
♥	86		
♦	KQ10		
♣	92		
No one vulnerable			
North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♥
4♠	5♥	5♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		
Opening lead—♥K			

didn't. West holds all three trumps and the slam must go down.

In fact, five spades can be beaten. West opens the king of hearts and if he shifts to a club South must lose three tricks but at the hands where South played spades not one West found that defence.

A few South players chose to double East and West at five hearts. Needless to say these South players wound up with very bad scores. All East needed to do was to play carefully and make his doubled contract.

★CARDSENSE★

Q—The bidding has been:
West North East South
1♠ Pass 1♥ Pass 1N.T.
Double Pass Pass 7
You, South, hold:
♠K32 ♠A98 ♠K94 ♠Q856
What do you do?
A—Pass. You get into this spot and should fight it out.

TODAY'S QUESTION
Again West's spade bid has been passed around to you. This time you hold:
♠AKQJ876 ♠A854 ♠A
What do you do?
Answer Tomorrow

You have a tremendous store of energy and usually are in a whirlwind of activity most of the time. It all depends upon how you direct that energy as to how far you will achieve any single goal. You are apt to be swayed by your emotions and will sometimes do things against your better judgment, especially when it involves the wishes of some one you love.

Basically, you have a kindly, self-sacrificing nature and will make a splendid marriage partner as well as a loving and understanding parent. You enjoy making your home the centre of your social activity and an early marriage should bring exceptional happiness. You will want a large family, too, so make sure that you wed someone who has similar ideas.

Among those born on this date are: Edward Grieg, composer; Frank Edwin Elwell, sculptor; Minnie Schumann-Heink, singer; Harry Elmer Barnes, sociologist and educator; William McFee, author.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—An active day when there is special emphasis upon romance. Discuss property matters.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—A new business opportunity may present itself. Be sure you are prepared to accept it.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—This can be a really big day in your life. The service trades appear to be especially favoured for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Put all your energies to work on a new enterprise—or on a fresh facet of an old one. Make progress.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Good fortune is yours, so act in accordance with the opportunities which arise for you now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Take a broad view of whatever happens and make a real effort to reconcile any differences.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—If travelling—an early vacation, perhaps—you could meet someone highly important to your future.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—A fine time to make your dreams come true. Act decisively to instrument your plans.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Exceptional business opportunities may open up for you. Grasp new chances now for progress.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Your high point of the month. Make a significant advance toward a major objective.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Concentrate on matters which involve your future. Be selective in what you undertake.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—An important real estate deal may be in the making. Close satisfactorily on all details today.

By VERONICA PAPWORTH

It's words—not age—that count with a woman

—but life can be tricky sometimes for those girls who have married a man much older than themselves

I CAN well imagine the difficulties of being Marlon Brando's stepmother—a visitor to England. No, not because of the moodiness and exhibitionism that surely goes with young Marlon. (I guess she could take an emotional "package deal" like him in her stride).

But it can be tricky to be married to a man so completely out of one's age group. And Mr Brando senior is very far from young.

The few women I know who have married elderly husbands have all developed a chip on the shoulder as high as a house. Their lives seem to be dedicated to proving that while the old so-and-so may be as grey as an elephant or as bald as a beach ball, he is more than twice fellows half his age.

He executed a few simple dance steps. The veins on his bald head throbbled like ropes as they took the strain. I was speechless with anxiety for him and more than happy to see him fling his tortured torso back into the smoke and noise of Big Business next door.

of a strapping teenage daughter by her first marriage. "I refuse to admit I am more than 52," said Lady Astor last week—"even if that does make my sons illegitimate." But you have to be 80 to say that sort of thing and get away with it.

Agonising

I shall never forget an agonising hour, at the Savoy with a certain visiting film star and her husband. She was thirtyish and he was in his thirties—at least.

Relaxed and gossipy, she and I sat sipping long iced drinks and talking clothes until with a crash and a bound hubby hustled in from the next room where he was holding some kind of conference.

At the sight of him she was changed woman—the proud partner of a world-shaking genius of a very special kind. "I told you he's usually up before six," she plays a couple rounds of golf a day. "and look at him!" He milled round the drinks table flexing his muscles and looking every bit of 72.

Semantics

Conversely, I know three women married to men many years their junior and all are completely happy in a singularly relaxed way. Largely, I imagine, because no one ever talks about their age.

They are accepted as their husbands' contemporaries. They think young—but they don't carry on about it. I recently met a woman who contemplates marrying a very young man. At 35 she has just announced her 28th birthday.

"It's all a question of semantics—the science of words," said she airily. "I'm not particularly susceptible to suggestion, but if I say I'm 28—suddenly I AM." "Not only do I now live the life of a younger woman—each day I make younger friends—I act like one." The only snag is the presence

WHAT YOU'LL LOOK LIKE IN 1975

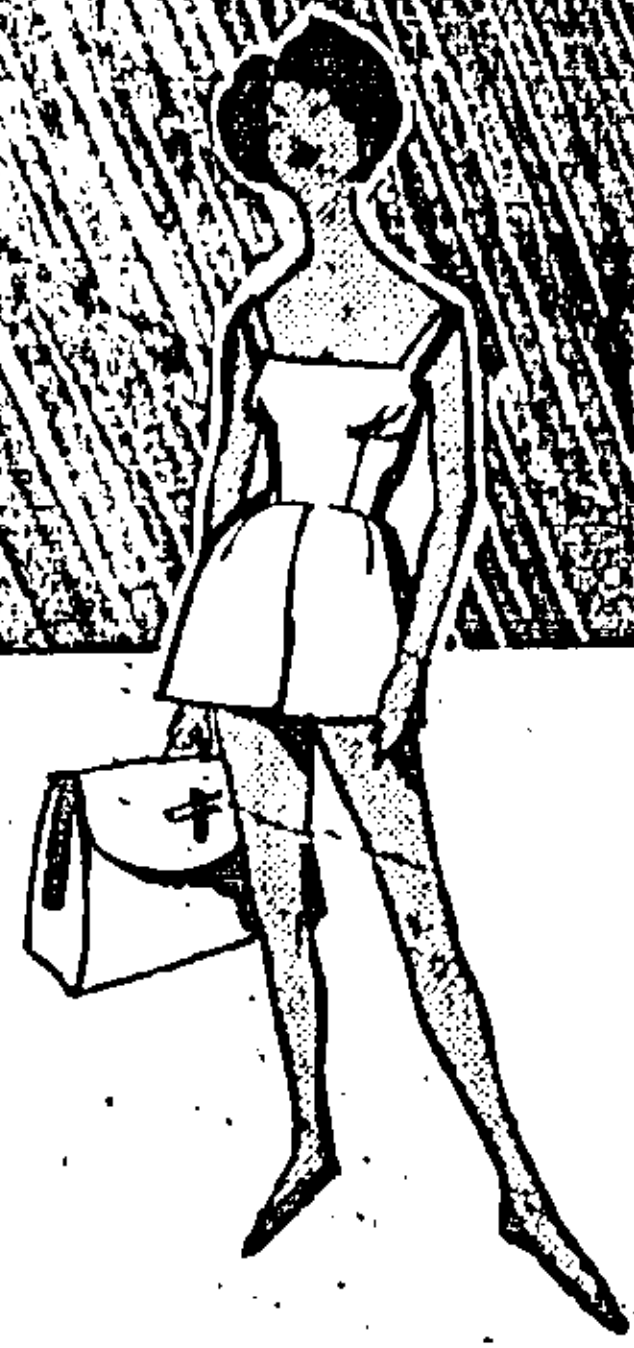
"Miss Space Age of 1975" won't look like the briefly-clad beauties we know today, says Albert Hey, space systems control co-ordinator with an aircraft engineering corporation. The government has spent millions of dollars to fashion perfect space suits, which will overcome weightlessness, meteorite bombardment and cosmic radiation, he said. Such a suit consists of five layers—lightweight long Johns, a ventilating garment through which air is pumped to cool the person, an anti-gravity raft, pressure suit, and an illuminated outer garment as protection against heat and cosmic radiation.



AN OUTFIT THAT IS FUN IN THE SUN

FOR those who are happier with a certain amount of "cover up," I present the perfect sun and fun outfit. The dress, in a heavy cotton boucle, wraps around with a wide white belt over a matching white playsuit. (See separate sketch.) I hesitate to point out that this is the ideal holiday dress for the older woman—which it is—only because it looked equally good when I first saw it on a 18-year-old model girl.

PICTURE BY JOHN ADRIAN



SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"But, Officer, it's my father's car and today's his birthday—if you give me a speeding ticket it will spoil his whole day!"

Use That Coffee Break To Its Best Advantage

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

A COFFEE break is a boss' best friend. And if you are an office worker, it's your friend, too.

I don't think any employers expect employees to sit at a desk all day long. If you take time to relax, occasionally, you maintain your efficiency.

NOW A NECESSITY

That's why the coffee break has become a business necessity, especially for women office workers. You must, however, use this break in the day's work routine to its best advantage.

Drink some coffee if you actually want to, but don't chat about the office with fellow workers while you do. Talk about last night's date or the one you are going to have tomorrow, but don't take your office troubles with you.

Now I don't want you to become a loafer, but be sure, to drink several times each day. About two-thirds of your body is just plain water, so you can

see how essential water is to you.

Water aids elimination. You can't expect your complexion to be clear or you can't expect to be bright and happy if you are constipated.

SIX OR EIGHT GLASSES

You need... between six and eight glasses of water a day. So drink it whenever you can.

While we are on the subject of elimination, make it a point to go to the washroom the minute you finish the deodorant. You are writing for the Big Shot. It can wait a few minutes and so can he.

Now, how about lunch? Again, don't take your office problems out with you.

If you are hungry, most of the plate lunches served in canteens and restaurants are fairly nourishing. It probably would be better, though, to

order fruits, vegetables or dairy products or a combination of all three.

Be sure to drink at least one glass of milk, too.

Try to find time to take a short walk in the fresh air before getting back to the office.

JUST RELAX

If you are back before you have to start again, take a few moments to sit down, place your feet up on a chair or desk and just relax.

Even if you follow all this advice, you probably will notice that your spirits begin to droop and work becomes a real effort during the late afternoon. That's time to relax again.

Take a minute or two to stretch your arms and legs even your toes. Then, with your chin resting on your chest, your hands hanging loosely at your sides, tilt forward in your chair and relax.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Teddy Gets His Wish

—Mr. Merlin Appears and Does a Little Magic—

By MAX TRELL

"If you could have a wish," Knarf, the Shadow Boy, said to his friend Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, "what would you want to be?" "Me?" said Teddy, looking at his friend in surprise. "Yes, you," said Knarf. "Suppose you had a wish."

"I'd wish to be a Bear," said Teddy.

"That's what you are now!" said Knarf. Teddy shook his head. "No, I'm not," he said.

Sawdust Stuffing

"Oh that's right," said Knarf. "You're only a stuffed Bear, aren't you?" "Stuffed with sawdust," said Teddy, shaking his head a little sadly. "What would I be stuffed with if I were a real Bear?" "You'd be stuffed with honey," said Knarf. Teddy smiled and licked his lips. "And what else?" "And with wild strawberries," said Knarf.

For several minutes, Teddy thought this over. To be stuffed with honey and wild strawberries was a wonderful thing. "Could I be stuffed with a little bread and butter, too?"

Mr. Merlin

"I don't think so," said Knarf. Just then, Mr. Merlin, the Magnificent Magician, came out from behind the bookcase, all dressed to take his morning walk. He greeted Knarf and Teddy in a cheerful voice.

After returning Mr. Merlin's greeting, Knarf explained to him and Teddy had been talking about it.

"I wish I were a real Bear," said Teddy. "I'd like to be stuffed with honey and wild strawberries and bread and butter." "Now that's a curious thing," said Mr. Merlin. "I was just about to visit a friend of mine who lives in a palace on the other side of the wall. He happens to be a King. He's often

asked me to bring him a real, live dancing Bear."

"Yes, yes, a dancing Bear! That's what I'd like to be!" Teddy shouted. "Look at me dance!"

Teddy sprang to his feet and was turning and twirling and bumping around in the room when all at once Mr. Merlin, after saying some strange words, caused a big cloud to appear in the room. When the cloud lifted, Knarf and Teddy and Mr. Merlin found themselves in the courtyard of a big, royal palace, surrounded by a King, a Queen and hundreds of shouting, laughing people.

Teddy was standing in the middle of this whole crowd. He had a chain around his neck. He stood on his hind legs, danced around a round as Mr. Merlin played a flute and Knarf, dressed in sponges, was clapping his hands and singing.

Head Over Heels

"What a wonderful dancing Bear!" everyone shouted. Then Teddy was given a big bowl of honey and a bigger bowl of wild strawberries and—best of all—an enormous slice of bread and butter, too!

When Teddy was so stuffed when he got up to dance again, he turned head over heels. And when he sat up again, there he was back in his room again with Knarf and Mr. Merlin standing over him, laughing.

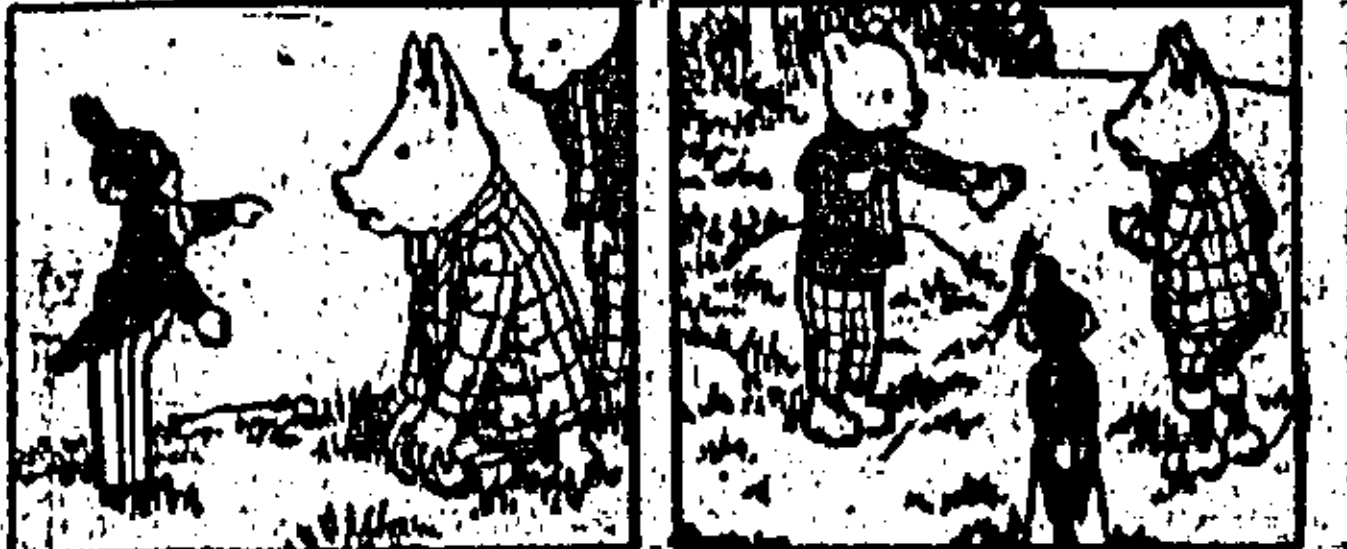
"Well, Teddy," said Knarf, "how did you like being a real Bear?"

But Teddy couldn't answer a word. He was much too stuffed even to talk!



Teddy was given big bowls of honey and strawberries.

Rupert and the Truant—33



When Rupert has got over his astonishment at seeing the doll moving he listens while it explains why it played truant. "And the wonderful part is this," adds Rupert. "You wanted to buy this doll for Rosalie, and here's the label that Santa Claus put on it. She says 'For Rupert'."

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

New Porous Plastic Material Has Many Uses

A NEW porous plastic material with many possible uses is being manufactured by an Essex firm. Produced from high density polyethylene, the new material has already found applications in air and liquid filtration, air fluidised powder conveying, and as aeration pads and electrolytic diaphragms.

Although it is tough and flexible, it is also light and easily fabricated. It is machineable, and can be welded and drilled.

A permeable material of medium pore size, its permeability is uniform and can be controlled in manufacture.

The advantages in using the material for filtering are that it is light and strong and therefore easy to transport and manipulate; it is easily engineered and fitted into plant and equipment. It is also inexpensive, and has chemical resistance to a wide range of aqueous solutions.

When used in liquid filtration, the material has the advantage of complete freedom from detachable fibres, and its smooth surface facilitates mechanical cleaning. In many filtration applications it can be used unsupported.

When used for air fluidised powder conveying, it is hygienic and has exceptional uniformity of air distribution, which is an essential factor for efficient conveying. As it is non-absorbent and immune from infestation, it is of particular value in the food industry for this type of powder conveying.

The mesh, for which any material available in filament form may be used to be knitted into asymmetrical, interlocking loops, has a resilience which gives it immense versatility.

Some problems recently solved by this material are—in jet aircraft turbine blades inside the jet engine have been known to fail and pierce the outside cover with serious results. To surmount the danger the firm produced a stainless steel knitted wire blanket of great strength and lightness (eight pounds) designed to fit round the core and similar in appearance and use to the chain mail worn by medieval soldiers. This serves as a blade retainer, prevents accidents and is now being fitted to many jet aircraft.

METAL FATIGUE
A seal was required for a jet engine which would withstand high temperature, be resilient and not be affected by metal fatigue. A stainless steel core was developed and covered with an asbestos coating. This high temperature seal proved its efficiency and is now fitted as a seal in the mechanism of many reverse thrust jet engines.

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Valuable New Uses For Knitted Mesh

KNITTED mesh made from metal wire has until recently been used chiefly for such simple domestic purposes as pot scouring. A British firm has now developed wire mesh for a number of industrial purposes and in varying forms the product is being used in jet aircraft, nuclear and electronic engineering and surgical work.

Export contracts have been made for the supply of knitted mesh appliances to the Swedish Atomic Energy Authority, to an oil refinery in Holland, a sugar refinery in Mauritius and a hydro-electric project in Norway.

The mesh, for which any material available in filament form may be used to be knitted into asymmetrical, interlocking loops, has a resilience which gives it immense versatility.

Some problems recently solved by this material are—in jet aircraft turbine blades inside the jet engine have been known to fail and pierce the outside cover with serious results. To surmount the danger the firm produced a stainless steel knitted wire blanket of great strength and lightness (eight pounds) designed to fit round the core and similar in appearance and use to the chain mail worn by medieval soldiers. This serves as a blade retainer, prevents accidents and is now being fitted to many jet aircraft.

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The tube contains a mercury gas. When an electric current is sent through it, it produces a substance or "plasma" similar to that surrounding the sun.

Dr. Field and his assistant, Dr. Roy Gould, said the solar bottle could be used to send out radio waves which can be picked up from a distance of several miles. As a result, they said, it would be possible to send out and receive messages without any wires. —AP.

Weekly Survey Of The American Economy

Industrial Prospects Good

Speculation On Whether A Boom Is In The Making

New York, June 14.

Dun & Bradstreet, which keeps its fingers on the pulse of business in the United States, has a glowing report on industrial prospects for the year.

Its findings are contained in an article entitled "First hints of a new boom?" in the current issue of "Dun's Review and Modern Industry." The article gives no conclusion on the question of whether the United States is actually heading for a boom or not, but it notes that businessmen are closely watching the rate of expansion and speculating whether a boom is in the making.

Here is Dun & Bradstreet's outlook for the remainder of 1959: "After a temporary, but somewhat more than seasonal setback in the third quarter, the economy in the last three months will move to new high ground."

Slow Decline

A rise in employment and a slow decline in unemployment to around the pre-recession average of four per cent is forecast. The number of employed will be at a record level. A government report on employment issued this past week puts the number of employed in May at a record high for that particular month.

High employment is seen leading to record levels of personal income, which means consumers will spend, and save, more.

Higher sales and continued cost cutting will mean wider corporate profit margins.

And wider profit margins will in turn mean businessmen will revise upward their plans for capital spending, and, indeed, another government report this past week indicates they have already done.

The speed-up in capital spending is expected actually to start before the turn of the year because of the introduction of the completely new series of American "economy" cars by the three largest automobile companies.

New Contracts

These cars will be built to accommodate six passengers and their engines designed for the high-speed superhighway travel which accounts for a large proportion of inter-city transportation in the United States.

The difference in behaviour of the figures for new orders of machinery and for new contracts for industrial construction is interesting to observe. New machinery orders, on the whole, maintained a much more constant level during the recession than industrial construction contracts, which touched bottom in October, 1958, with an index reading of 61 (1950 = 100) and in April of this year was back to 127. This is still far below its heights during the 1958 investment boom. It reached 306 in April of 1957, and its average was down to 137, in 1958 to 82.

At the present time, a chart shows both new orders for machinery and new contracts for industrial construction on a sharp upswing. Although there is reason to believe that new

orders for machinery and new contracts for industrial construction are expected to continue to rise, the rate of increase is expected to be slower than in the first three months of 1959.

Meanwhile, commercial building and public construction are expected to keep over-all construction totals at a record high for the remainder of 1959.

Behind the figures lies a significant fact: A large portion of the capital outlays are expected to be for modernisation rather than plant expansion. It is generally believed that the purchase of new machinery, especially of the labour-saving variety, is bound to run into delivery delays. Unfilled orders in the durable goods industries have recently started to pile up once more.

Businessmen actually spent at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$30,620,000,000 in the first quarter this year, according to the new survey. The survey estimates capital spending in the second quarter at an annual rate of \$32,280,000,000, and \$33,380,000,000 in the third quarter. No estimate was made for the fourth quarter and the total for the year gives an annual adjusted rate of about \$34 billion in the final three months of 1959.

Two other government reports were issued, one on employment, and one on retail sales in May. Both reports were optimistic.—UPI.

Slow Down
Dun & Bradstreet believes that the growing cost of mortgage money will soon slow down the rate of home construction. Other building costs are also expected to move up.

Here are some further findings of their business survey:
Steel production for the first half of this year is likely to top that for any comparable period.

With sales of new passenger cars running at the highest level since 1955, automobile producers expect sales this year to be even a bit higher than the 5.5 million predicted.

Truck output for all of 1959 is estimated at 1.1 million units, up about 20 per cent from last year, but still below the 1.4 million unit record of 1951.

Total dollar volume of consumer spending should run about five per cent higher than 1958, with gains in durables outstripping soft goods. Higher sales of durables will reinforce the present upward trend in the use of consumer credit.

Seasonally adjusted, newly extended instalment credit averaged \$3.8 billion a month in the first four months of this year and is expected to reach \$4.2 billion a month by at least as high in May, to judge from the pattern of consumer loans made by banks. This is the highest level of monthly extensions ever experienced and is clearly indicative of improving attitudes on the part of consumers.

Various government agencies this past week issued statistical reports on three phases of the economy.

Modernisation
In a revision of an earlier estimate, the Commerce Department and the Securities and Exchange Commission reported that actual capital spending this year on new plant and equipment is expected to reach \$32,665,000,000. This is an increase of \$775,000,000 over the total forecast by the same agencies last March.

The new total figure would be \$2 billion higher than similar all-time high posted in 1957.

The report noted that "except for public utilities and non-durable goods manufacturers, all major industry groups have raised their 1959 programmes from those anticipated earlier this year."

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Bank Of England Statement
London, June 14.
The Bank of England statement for the week ended June 10, reads as follows:

Notes in circulation ... 2,085,632,220
Sterling deposits ... 1,700,000,000
Foreign deposits ... 84,254,808
Treasury bills ... 27,510,000
Government securities ... 3,800,000,000
Other securities ... 10,000,000
Reserves ... 1,000,000,000
Ratio ... 8.5% —UPI.

COTTON MARKET RATHER DULL
New York, June 14.
The cotton market was rather dull this past week with prices fluctuating narrowly on either side of last week's close before finishing generally lower.

At Friday's close the list ruled two points higher to 18 points lower, or 10 cents a bale higher to 90 cents lower.

Trading was mostly routine as traders awaited Washington action on crop loans and surpluses.

SELLING
Some selling came into the market on Wednesday after the House approval of the tobacco bill limiting loans to \$50,000 per farmer. The trade took this as the cue that the limitation would also be applied to cotton. This reasoning brought long liquidation into the distant October delivery through Friday.

Some selling also was attributed to the belief that the farm crisis with respect to surpluses may lead to a freer market next year.

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HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$185,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES
H.K. Bank ... 800 0025
INSURANCES
Union ... 71
Lombard ... 3015
SHIPPING
Wheelocks ... 215 820
DOCKS, ETC.
K. Wharf ... 9115
Dock ... 2515
Talkoo ... 33
LAND, ETC.
H.K. Hotel ... 2600 2800 200 24.00
H.K. Land ... 200 2315 200 2315
Hampshire ... 1820
Really ... 1.55 1.00 1000 1.10
RUBBER
Amala ... 2.30 2.40
Trust ... 2.30 2.40
UTILITIES
Tian ... 28 28.20
Yuen ... 100 100
C. Light ... 171 171
Electric ... 27.25 27.00 400 27.20
Telephone ... 26.40 2615 1000 26.40
INDUSTRIALS
Cement ... 2315 33 1500 2315 500 2315
STORES, ETC.
Daily ... 10
Watson ... 13.80 14.10
Crow ... 11 11.50
KOWTONG S. H. ... 144
COTTONS
Nanyang ... 4.925 5
Nanyang ... 8.20 8
MISCELLANEOUS
Vibro ... 13
INVESTMENTS
Int. Invest. ... 5.90
K. F. F. ... 12.00

Devaluation Of The Dollar Inevitable: Pick

New York, June 14.

Devaluation of the dollar through a hike in the price of gold is inevitable—the only question is timing, International Currency Authority Franz Pick said today.

In a seminar for business executives, Pick said \$70 an ounce for gold would be adequate to give the dollar another 10 to 20 years of monetary stability.

The Choice
The price of gold has been at \$35 an ounce since the devaluation by the U.S. January 31, 1934.

The choice is either devaluation or deflation, Pick told about 25 assembled businessmen at the seminar.

The latter, he said, causes price declines which create trends of thought which make re-elections difficult—get people out of office—and bring about economic difficulties. Washington always has preferred full pay envelopes instead of shrinking wages or salaries.

Pick said the dollar now is worth only 48 cents in terms of its 1940 purchasing power. Inflation has brought about conditions here, he added, which have caused a sharp decline in gold stocks through sales to foreign governments.

Price Cut
Because the U.S. will continue to price itself out of world markets, he asserted, gold stocks will decline to a point at which Washington will decree an embargo to be followed by devaluation.

Pick said he understands the Federal Reserve Board already has sent a memo to foreign governments telling them continued conversion of their dollar assets to gold might involve certain commercial sanctions against them by the United States.

However, a Federal Reserve Board spokesman called this nonsense. "This rumour was first heard in the middle of May," the spokesman told United Press International, "and I thought it was knocked down then." —UPI.

Hopes To Buy Entire Australian Wool Clip
Perth, June 14.

An Australian businessman and grazier, Mr. Judah Green, who returned from London yesterday, said he hoped to buy the entire Australian annual wool clip of 5,000,000 bales.

Mr. Green, of Sydney, said he has the financial backing of a multi-million pound syndicate of British businessmen, who are negotiating to form a worldwide commodity bank.

He said he offered a contract to the Federal Government last month to buy every bale of wool grown as from next season.

AUCTION SYSTEM
"The auction system has had its ups and downs," he said. "The Government has not yet given me an answer, but has referred the offer to the Department of Primary Produce," he said.

Mr. Green said negotiations were being held to launch a commodity bank to finance big buying ventures such as the wool clip.

His scheme had endorsed his authors and produced an initial loan of A£500 million to start an Australian branch.

It was proposed to finance the bank through loans from merchants' subscriptions. "They have the money—but no commodity. We have got the commodity—wool," he said.

REVERSION
The Government has been offered a contract which would mean a reversion to the wartime system of wool appropriation, he added.

The average price offered was "far in excess" of the current season's estimated average price for greasy wool at 48s. Australian per lb.

Mr. Green said part of the contract required all wool to be processed, at least as far as yarn, in Australia—China Mail Special.

LONDON MARKET BECOMES LESS CONFIDENT

London, June 14.

Stock markets this past week were quieter and less confident after the jolt they received at the end of last week and the beginning of this. The shakeout was not surprising considering the rapid rise in the industrial index from 212.8 on January 30 to a peak of 240.7 on June 2.

As was to be expected the main falls were second grade shares, particularly in the property market which had figured large in the speculative rise. Throughout it all the undertone of the markets remained firm.

Although there was a rally mid-week, the markets continued uncertain and indecisive and the rally was not fully maintained on Thursday and Friday. Apart from the lowering influence of Wall Street it is apparent that investors are now just waiting for the continued upswing in prices and with considerably fewer company reports this past week to encourage them, they continued to hold off.

LITTLE BENEFIT
The all-edged market reacted little benefit from the reaction in equities and prices hardly moved although in present conditions the market is extremely sensitive. In the foreign bond market, Greek bonds revived on Thursday as the result of heavy continental buying. Elsewhere in this market it was quiet.

Trans-Atlantic stocks were irregular and under the influence of Wall Street. Amongst industrial equities

breweries continued to be firm. Elsewhere the general appearance this week has been mixed. Leading blue chips have continued to hold steady, although unloading by Americans and continental investors early in the week caused prices to fall.

This was reversed on Wednesday and Thursday and the week closed with the market looking irregular from weekend profit-taking and reaction to Wall Street's weakness. Property, stores, paper and motor shares have been weak spots. Ship and engineering have fared through the week well.

OIL SHARES
Oil shares have been slightly lower in sympathy with Wall Street but this market has been steady in a rather quiet week.

Gold mining shares have tended to ease during the week through lack of business but the undertone has been firm. Base metals have been mostly dull.

There has been more interest in dividends and the market has been firm.

There has been little interest in rubber shares but after a quiet week they have been a little better. The market is still under the influence of Wall Street.

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MONDAY, JUNE 15, 1959.

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JUNK ROBBERS GET FOUR YEARS' GAOL

Three men who robbed the occupants of a fishing junk in Tsun Wan last September were sentenced to four years' hard labour each by Judge H. H. B. How at Kowloon District Court this morning.

Girl Was Drunk Outside Church

"Seventeen years old and drunk! Why?" Mr T. L. Yang asked a girl who appeared before him at Central Magistracy this morning.

She was on a charge of behaving in a disorderly manner while drunk.

The girl, Cheung Wai-ying, declined to reply, but when questioned further, she said she had had a quarrel with her friend.

She was then asked about her parents, and again she declined to reply. A little later, however, she said her father was dead and her mother was still in the Colony.

Mr Yang remanded her for two days for the Probation Officer to investigate her family background.

She was found drunk outside St. John's Cathedral on Saturday night.

The trio, Chan Hung, 28; Leung Tung-yau, 38; and Cheung Yee-ting, 38, had been found guilty last Thursday of two charges of robbery with aggravation and three of assault occasioning bodily harm.

They were remanded until today for sentence pending a medical report on whether they could be given corporal punishment.

The second accused, Leung Tung-yau, was additionally ordered to receive six strokes of the cane.

Judge How told the accused that the prison terms would date from the day of their arrest.

Away Fishing
The Prosecution's case was that the accused rowed a sampun to a fishing junk moored in a bay in Tsun Wan on the night of September 6-8 and two of them boarded the junk to rob the occupants.

At the time of the robbery, the junk owner was away fishing. Aband were his 70-year-old father, his wife and his concubine and several children.

The accused bound and gagged the three adults and took away \$500 in money and other valuables.

Arrested
The three accused were arrested six months later in various parts of the Colony.

The second accused was found to have pawn tickets referring to articles stolen during the robbery.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Justice Without Mercy

Sir,—Never have I read an item of news with a sadder heart than on Saturday June 13 when, under the headline "Widowed Mother of Four Gets One Month" you reported the case of a widowed mother of four young children being sentenced to gaol for one month for trying to eke out her meagre income by taking in some sewing work to earn a little more money to obtain some extra comfort for her ailing children.

There must be something seriously wrong with our law and the much boasted British sense of Justice that the administrator of the law cannot tender justice with mercy but, like Shylock, must insist on exacting the pound of flesh that the law may be satisfied. Surely this is a case where mercy is well merited, and justice could have been served by severe punishment or a warning to the unfortunate mother instead of dragging her off to gaol. As usual, in such a case one does not blame the judge who only administered the law with impartiality, but surely it would be more human to use some discretion in awarding sentence in such a distressing case. As it is, this poor widow is now separated from her children, all because of mother love. I have never felt so distressed or ashamed in my life that British Justice can be so cruel.

Turning nearer home, in a report of a court case, your morning contemporary the "South China Morning Post" under the caption "Father's Day" in its issue of Friday, June 12, mentioned the case of a man having been cautioned by the magistrate for possession of two bottles of Portuguese wine presented to the accused by a friend in celebration of the birth of his first son, and whilst the magistrate congratulated the happy father, at the same time he made him a sadder man by ordering the confiscation of the bottles of wine. Again, one is unwilling to blame the magistrate who only observed the law which he had to administer, but he has discretionary power, and could have let the unlucky man pay the duty and retain the wine if he so desired. From what should have been a happy occasion this man was made terribly sad because the law must be upheld. Who was it who described the law as "a ass"? Let's hope our administrators of the law do not feel themselves bound to "have" themselves but have sufficient courage and humanity to temper justice with mercy.

PERCY LARKIN.

Notices in Chinese

Sir,—The directors of public companies must be aware that the number of Chinese share-holders has increased by leaps and bounds in recent years, and that quite a great number of these investors are not well versed in the English language. It is very important, therefore, that they should be properly advised in bilingual notices of all company resolutions regarding distribution of dividends and allotment of share rights, which are of vital interest to them.

If this is done, I am sure that considerable amount of unclaimed dividends and unclaimed rights would be reduced, and the small investors protected.

N. Y. LEUNG.

Financial Adviser

Mr John Loftus, Economic Adviser to The Government, left by P&A for Bangkok this morning with his wife and three sons, after 10 days holiday in Hongkong.

Indian Stars Leave

The two Indian film stars, Miss Shyama, and Mrs. Nirupa Roy, together with Mr. Kama Roy, left for Tokyo by AIT this morning after a few days' stay in the Colony.

PICTORIAL PARADE



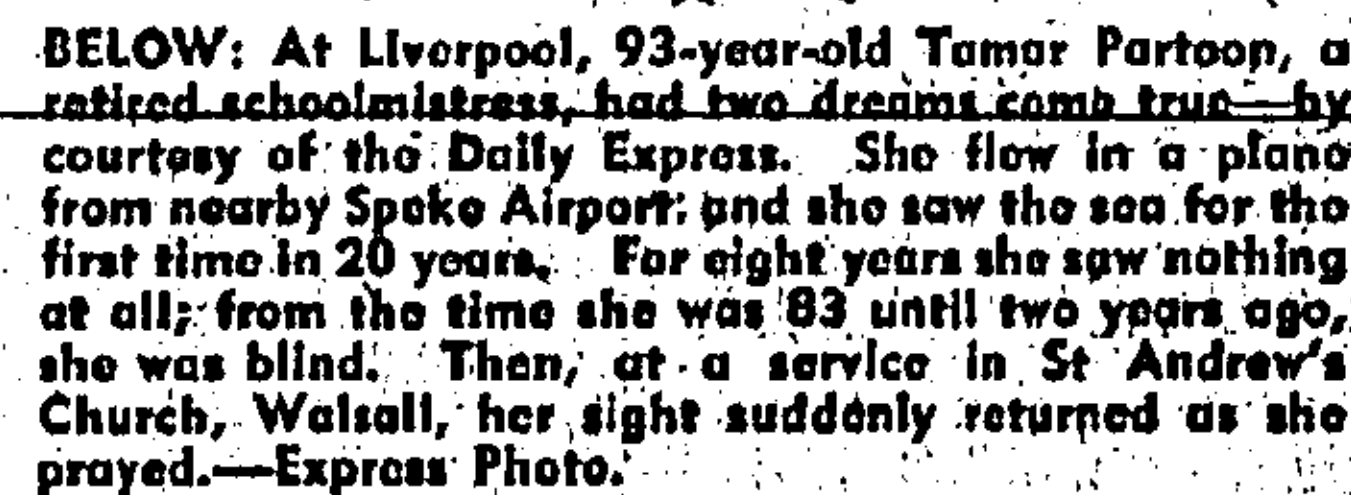
LEFT: Maron, probably the world's most prolific hippopotamus in captivity, in her pool at the Copenhagen Zoo with her week-old calf—her fifteenth. Maron is 36 years old—the father of the new calf, Rasmus, is only eight.—Express Photo.



ABOVE: Two teenage girl athletes who have been close friends for nearly a year have discovered that in fact they are sisters, adopted into different homes during the war. They are Margaret Morris (left), 19, and Joan Fryer, 17; they grew up five miles apart, Margaret in Wolverhampton and Joan in Darlington. And they met for the first time three years ago on opposing sides in a girls' football match. Ten months ago Margaret changed to Joan's club, and since then they have been close friends. The fact that they were sisters was discovered by the team manager Frank Edwards, when Joan came to him to ask if he could help her find the sister she knew she had somewhere. Frank's investigations proved that the missing sister was Margaret—who was unaware that she had any living relatives.—Express Photo.



ABOVE: Flying into London recently to play alongside Sir Alec Guinness in the film of "Our Man in Havana" came burly Burl Ives, folk-singer turned actor who can now command £60,000 a film. Major item in his luggage—a giant Pennsylvania Dutch salami, present for Sir Alec.—Express Photo.



BELOW: At Liverpool, 93-year-old Tamar Partoon, a retired schoolmistress, had two dreams come true—by courtesy of the Daily Express. She flew in a plane from nearby Spoke Airport; and she saw the sea for the first time in 20 years. For eight years she saw nothing at all; from the time she was 83 until two years ago, she was blind. Then, at a service in St Andrew's Church, Walsall, her sight suddenly returned as she prayed.—Express Photo.

father's heart was spotted on a mass X-ray three years ago when he was 42—but his had to be operated on at once. Now they're both better—and both thanks to the same surgeon, Sir Russell Brock, and the same hospital, the Brompton.—Express Photo.



ABOVE: The technically-skilled modern soldier can still find a use for brawn—as is shown by these men of the Royal Artillery. They are seen hauling on a rope to steady a British-made Thunderbird surface-to-air guided missile as it moves a launcher loader onto the launcher itself during a demonstration at the School of Anti-Aircraft Artillery in Wales. During and since the war the School has trained thousands of instructors in heavy and light anti-aircraft gunnery and radar. Now its courses have been extended to include the training of instructors and batteries in the new surface-to-air guided weapon systems.—Reutersphoto.

From the Files

25 years AGO

SO great was the demand for the new Hongkong Government three and a half per cent loans, that the application for the five million offered to the public closed at 3 p.m. yesterday afternoon. At that time, a total of \$10,000,000 had been subscribed.

The loan opened at 10 a.m. and within a few minutes had been oversubscribed. After one hour, applications totalling \$15,000,000 had been received.

A late cable to the same copy of the SCMP from Wehastet said: An official report states that Mr. Graham D. Nichol, a Shanghai insurance man, and possibly four others of the Shantung pirates, captives, have been freed.

The report states that Nichol and a Chinese have been released and that one of the aircraft from HMS Eagle spotted a sampun flying a white flag and containing three foreigners.

The aircraft was unable to land on the sea, so it returned to the aircraft carrier to change its wheels for floats and to return and investigate the sampun.

A TORRENTIAL down-pour of rain which converted the Shing Mun Gorge into a raging torrent within a few minutes of the bursting of the storm is believed to have cost the lives of six men working on the Gorge Dam site on Wednesday afternoon.

One man was gallantly rescued by a British engineer, Mr H. M. Findlay, but four men were swept through the tunnel and later two bodies feared to be additional victims, were found in the bottom of the gorge.

Miss M. Abbas who lives at 82 Porciat Street, caught a suspected thief whom she found meddling with the padlock on the door of the next door house.

When she first saw him, she questioned the man, Chan Wai-on, unemployed, who was picking the padlock with two nails. He replied that he was looking for a friend. Then he turned and ran away.

Miss Abbas set off in hot pursuit, caught the man and handed him over to a policeman. He dropped the lock and the two nails in his bid to escape. Mr Hamilton gave him six months' gaol.

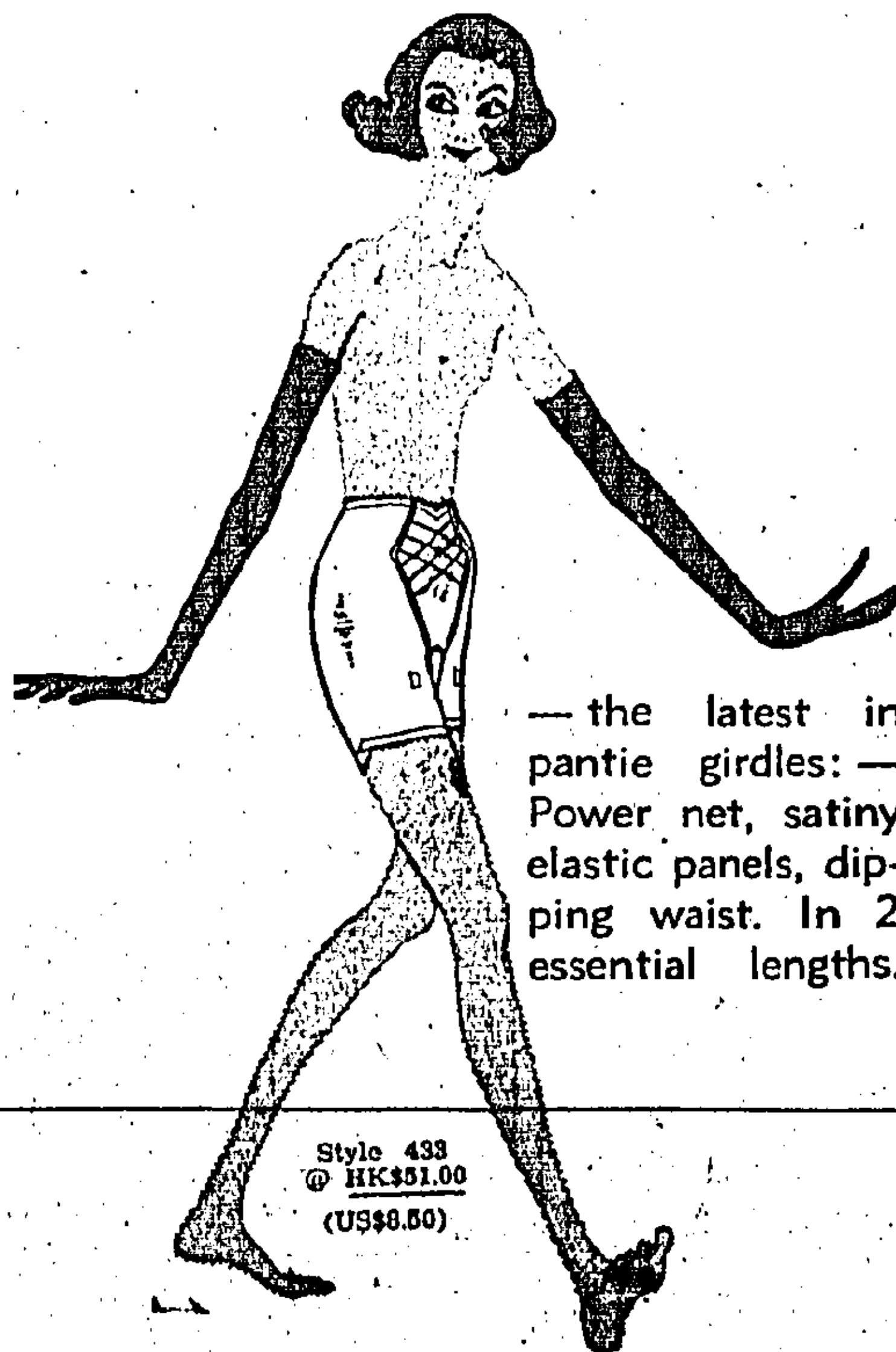
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